

ACTON TOWN REPORT



2000
Acton (Mass.)

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Acton, Massachusetts

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Acton

Incorporated as a Town:

July 3, 1735

Type of Government:

Town Meetings ~ Selectmen/Town Manager

Location:

Eastern Massachusetts, Middlesex County, bordered on the east by Carlisle and Concord, on the west by Boxborough, on the north by Westford and Littleton, on the south by Sudbury, and the southwest by Stow and Maynard.

Elevation at Town Hall:

268' above mean sea level

Land Area:

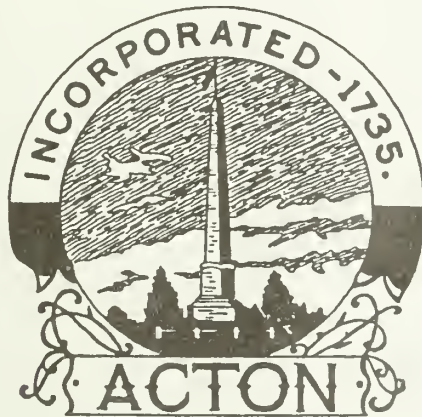
Approximately 20 square miles

Population:

Year	Persons
1950	3,510
1960	7,238
1970	14,770
1980	19,000
1990	18,143
1991	17,509
1992	18,055
1993	18,351
1994	18,530
1995	18,517
1996	18,883
1997	19,056
1998	19,132
1999	19,305

Construction of the Twin School.
Picture by Max Rogers, Merriam School

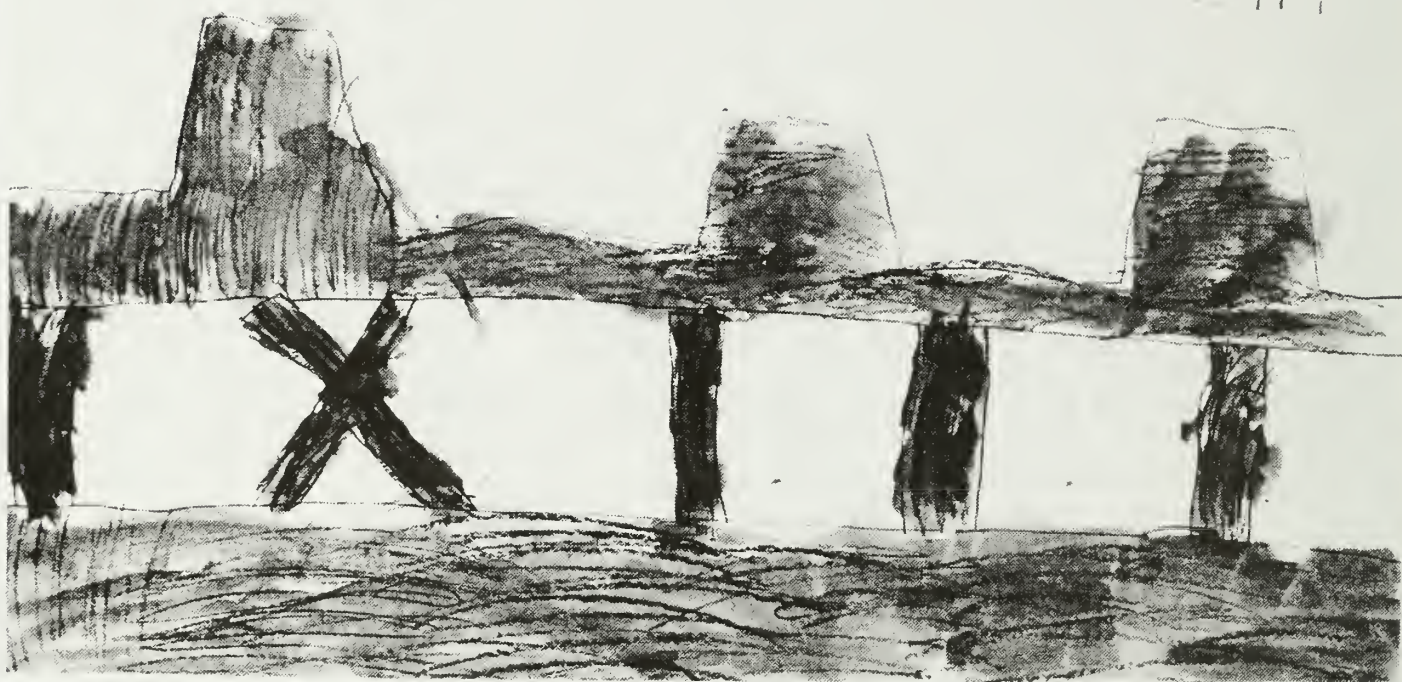
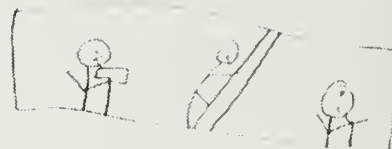
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**Town of
Acton,
Massachusetts**

**Two Hundred and Sixty-Fifth Municipal Year
for the year ending December 31st**

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Construction of the Twin School.
Picture by Ian Whatcott

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Year 2000, depending on your point of view either the first or the last year of a Millennium, was for Acton a year of renewal and construction activities. 2000 will probably be long remembered by the citizenry as a time of open sewer trenches, detours, partially built structures, and construction debris. Throughout the year Board of Selectmen worked, directly and through individual Selectmen representation on other committees, on the execution of and the planning for the cyclic renovation and expansions of the Town's public facilities which were physically evident, or which as yet only appeared on drawings.

After the late 1999 dramatic acquisition of full State loan assistance for the commencement of the long awaited Middle Fort Pond Sewer District project, there was an agonizing delay while the final details necessary for the vital Department of Environmental Protection's approval to begin construction could be obtained. But finally on a bright and glittering day the Selectmen and others who had worked so hard and long for so many years, and had overcome so many problems, gathered at the treatment plant site off Adams Street to actually celebrate the ground breaking! Throughout the rest of the year work proceeded apace at the Adams Street site and a good deal of street surface between the Central School Campus and the treatment site was opened to lay pipe along the system backbone. By the end of the year most citizens in Acton and surrounding communities had experienced the inevitable delays and detours associated with getting around the crews laying sewer pipe in the various streets, but patience and accommodation were the order of the day. At year's end the initial project construction was in full swing and steps were being taken to advertise the so-called expansion area for bid. At the end of 2000 the forecast was for the treatment plant and the main sewer trunk line to be brought into initial active service in late 2001.

At the same time construction and remodeling work proceeded on the Central School Campus. Some of the new building expansion area for the R. J. Grey Regional Junior High School was substantially completed and occupied, and the contractor moved into an old portion of the building to begin partial demolition and renovation there. Contractor personnel, the Project Manager, school administrators, the Fire Department and the Building Commissioner were all kept busy on the construction site, planning, inspecting and making provisions for the continuation of instruction of students in the expanding building, and the phased movement of educational activities from one area to another as that project progressed.

Within view of the Junior High School the already imposing, entirely new Twin School structure which will be named for retired McCarthy-Towne School principal Parker Damon, has slowly has from its foundations and began to evolve into its final shape. When completed in late 2001 the Twin School will replace the McCarthy School, and possibly the Towne building as well, completely transforming that portion of the campus while providing brand new instructional space for the elementary educational programs currently offered in the Merriam and Towne-McCarthy Schools.

All three of these major ongoing major construction projects ran somewhat behind the year's originally projected schedule for various reasons, but at the end of 2000 it appeared all three would be finished before the end of 2001.

While trenches were being dug, steel erected and concrete poured at the active construction sites, the relatively recently renovated and expanded Acton Memorial Library has settled into an established routine and all of Acton's citizens have had an opportunity to see what a fine new facility that the Town has acquired as a result of that construction project. Furthermore the recently completed NARA Park finished its initial season of operation in 2000, during which it was proved to be the fine recreational facility and Town asset that its originator's; had promised. Further improvements to the park are anticipated to be made as it matures, which should make it still more useful.

The feasibility plans and cost estimates for a renovation and expansion of the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School were also completed during 2000, and late in the year were approved by Special Town Meetings held in both Acton and Boxborough and the Proposition 2 ½ funding was subsequently approved by a favorable debt exclusion vote in both communities. At year's end a construction architectural firm was selected and work was begun on the detailed design, necessary to take the project to bid in 2001 and to qualify for State school building assistance funding.

As the High School, the penultimate project in the long standing capital construction plan, was being approved, a feasibility study for the last segment of the plan, a new police station was in full swing. Following up on an operational study of the Town's Police and Fire Departments, work was undertaken to determine the feasibility of building a new police station, including a modern combined emergency dispatch center and Fire Department administration spaces, on the site of the outmoded and critically overcrowded original Town police station, with provision for later potential redeployment of the Town's fire stations. The immediately goal was to bring a proposal for the long delayed building of a new police station to the 2001 Annual Town Meeting.

The various capital construction projects in hand or proposed, of course, have and will have significant impacts on the Town's financial position. Whereas Acton has in recent years enjoyed a low debt burden as a percentage of the annual budgets, its debt service obligations are rising and becoming similar to those being carried by some similar, nearby communities. Continued efforts are therefore being made by the Board of Selectmen to assist senior citizens and disabled persons in seeking tax relief where such is appropriate. Despite the prosperity of the economy generally, finding adequate funding for the provision of needed municipal services and appropriate investment in ongoing plant and equipment maintenance and repair within the rigid constraints of Proposition 2 ½, while allowing for the growing funding requirements of the Schools, continues to be a challenge that the Board of Selectmen must struggle with each year.

In other spheres the Board of Selectmen sponsored a comprehensive review of the 1990 Local Historic District Bylaw after its first ten years of operation, a study which will continue into 2001 involving a larger group commissioned by the Board to bring forward any recommended changes for consideration by the 2002 Annual Town Meeting.

Also looking toward the future, the Board of Selectmen are involved in adapting the 2020 Process (which involves specific agenda moderated joint meetings of staff, the Board of Selectmen, School Committees, and Finance Committee) to focus on long range Town developmental planning. Part of that process will involve some consideration of the recently adopted Update to the Master Plan and whether or not the fiscal analysis relative to the cost-benefit ratios in regard to further residential development are or are not favorable when demand for services are compared to tax revenues generated. 2000 saw Town Meeting approve an expensive proposed purchase of a tract of land variously referred to as "Robbins Mill Pond" or the "Carlisle Road land", which was subsequently defeated in a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion override vote. The data offered during the debates concerning that proposed purchase, sponsored by an outside land conservation group seemed to indicate that some of the previous financial assumptions in regard to the costs/revenue from residential growth should be reviewed. Still further the Board has decided that it is time to begin the planning for an alternate means of disposing of solid waste when the NESWC contract expires in five year's time.

Among the Board's other regular annual business in 2000 were a series of hearings in regard to a very controversial site plan application for a shopping center & restaurants on the DiDuca property on Route 2A, a matter which will continue to occupy the Board's attention in 2001.

As to the Board itself, Nancy Tavernier retired as a Selectman, choosing not to run for re-election in the April 2000 elections. During her tenure on the Board Nancy made many positive contributions to the Board's work and very much influ-

enced the important decisions of Town government. Her skills as a trained librarian and the insights she brought to the Board from her activities as a League of Women Voter's State legislative specialist, in addition to her tireless dedication to all the duties of a Selectmen, were a most valuable addition and we were sorry to see her go off the Board. We are sure she will continue, however, to volunteer time to other Town activities. Pam Harting-Barrat ran unopposed to fill the seat vacated by Nancy and, upon assuming office, indicated that she intended to make her primary initial focus that of enhancing the effectiveness of the various Board of Health's activities. Dore'; Hunter, who serves as the Board of Selectmen's representative on both the Schools'; and the Townss Building Committees, was once again elected Chairman of the Board. Peter Ashton was elected as the Vice Chairman and continues to lend his considerable skills in regard to fiscal analysis to disabled/senior tax relief and other financial matters. Trey Shupert, who has assumed Nancy Tavernier's former position as the Co-Chairman of the Acton Wastewater Advisory Committee (formerly named the Sewer Action Committee) was elected Clerk of the Board and continues to contribute his expertise as a corporate Human Resource professional and a former member of the Planning Board. In December 2000 Herman Kabakoff, who has contributed his financial skills acquired as a company CFO to the Board for two terms, announced he would not run for re-election in 2001.

The Board of Selectmen once again recognizes the outstanding support it received in 2000 from all the dedicated members of the Town staff, too numerous to mention, led by our excellent Town Manager, Don Johnson.

F. Dore' Hunter
Peter K. Ashton
William H. Shupert
Herman Kabakoff
Pamela Harting - Barrat

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

As I reviewed 1999 in last year's message, I noted that it was probably the most prolific year the Town had ever experienced in terms of Capital investment. Not to be outdone, the year 2000 ended with both Town Meeting and a Special Election voting to invest over \$52 million in the largest single construction project we have ever undertaken: renovation and expansion of the Senior High School. With the High School expansion approved, we still have one major item of infrastructure left on our joint agenda between the Town and Schools — a Public Safety Facility for Police and Fire. We are in the Feasibility Phase at the moment and hope to gain Town Meeting approval to advance this project in the Spring.

Meanwhile, we are delighted at the success of the first full year of operations in both the new Memorial Library building and at our North Acton Recreation Area. As we enjoy these excellent facilities and anticipate the new High School, we are reminded daily of the inconveniences everyone must endure as major projects are constructed. The Junior High and Twin School construction has the Central Campus in turmoil and the Sewer project touches everyone in town with detours and traffic delays. These projects are well worth the inconveniences but, from time-to-time, we all tend to lose sight of the goal as we deal with the frustrations of detours and delays.

Future generations will look back on the turn of the century as a time of great foresight and sacrifice by us, their forefathers. We should be mindful of this as we live the difficulties of the present. These difficulties will be over soon and Acton will reap the benefits for years to come.

We have common goals for Acton. At their heart, they are simple. We want the best we can have at the most affordable cost. We want an award-winning School System for our children and we want the most efficient, effective Town Government we can afford. Collectively, we have been able to achieve this for many years. During the recession of the early '90's the Town and Schools united in a joint effort to deal with our common goals and the financial obstacles we shared. Although the form of the sharing has changed in the intervening years, our goals have remained the same and the Municipal side has attempted to hold the fiscal line as tightly as possible to make budgetary room for the growing needs of the School System. We have continually promised to maintain this effort for as long as possible. Last year I advised that time would tell as to how long we might be able to sustain this effort. Now, as we reach the close of the year 2000, the picture is clear: we need to reinvest in "Municipal" operations. This is the message that I have given the Board of Selectmen with the recommended FY02 Municipal Budget.

The New Century has brought with it another set of budget challenges. We see these as opportunities to succeed and greet them with vigor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Don P. Johnson

PERSONNEL BOARD

The Personnel Board was established in 1996 as an advisory group to provide guidance and assistance to the Town's Human Resource Director in dealing with Personnel issues.

There were no major Personnel projects undertaken in 2000. A review of the Personnel Bylaw and employment practices showed that the Town is in compliance with current state and federal employment laws.

The Board agreed to limit further meetings to those necessary to provide assistance to Mr. Charles Jones, who is the Town's Human Resource Director, the Town Manager or Board of Selectmen as requested.

Board Members
John Donnelly
Christopher Mar, Chairman
Diane Yasgur

TOWN REPORT COMMITTEE

We would like to thank those departments, boards and committees that turned in their annual reports on time. For those who were late, we hope you do better next year.

Christine Joyce
Ann Chang
Mildred Jarvis

VOLUNTEER COORDINATING COMMITTEE (VCC)

The Volunteer Coordinating Committee (VCC) works for the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager or Town Moderator to help staff town boards. During 2000 approximately 150 people served as volunteers on town boards or committees. The VCC interviewed 22 candidates to fill openings. We monitor the status of committee membership and recommend reappointment of members who are eligible and wish to serve additional terms.

Acton is fortunate to have an active and dedicated volunteer force serving on approximately 28 volunteer boards of town government. Some examples are the Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Historical Commission and the Town Report Committee.

Acton's volunteer boards contribute thousands of hours of valuable and much appreciated service to the town. We encourage anyone who is interested in serving on any town committee to fill out a volunteer application. Applications are available at Town Hall, the Libraries and the Town Report.

Thank you to all those volunteers, who contributed so much to the Town of Acton.

Nancy Whitcomb, Chairman
Doris Prendiville, Clerk
Jean Schoch
Charles Husbands

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors' regular scheduled meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Hall. Additional meetings are held as needed. Dates and times are posted 48 hours in advance. The Town's tax base grew by more than \$200 million in valuation from FY99. This was attributed to new growth and a town wide valuation increase reflective of January 1, 1999 market values.

Fiscal Year 2000 Valuation Summary

Property Class	Valuation	% of Total
Residential	\$1,716,057,900	85.6%
Commercial	\$184,659,297	9.2%
Industrial	\$67,610,500	3.4%
Personal Property	\$35,395,287	1.8%
Total Taxable Value	2,003,722,984	100%

Tax Rates

Residential	Com/Ind/PP
\$17.43	\$17.43

Assessors
Donald Rhude, Chairman
James Kotanchik
Lester Goodridge

ELIZABETH WHITE FUND

A permanent fund was bequeathed to the Town of Acton by George R. White, in memory of his mother, Elizabeth. The income from the fund is to be used only "in relieving the necessities of the deserving poor and unfortunate. It shall be the duty of the Town to anticipate such necessity of aid assistance by inquiry and investigation, in advance of claims as far as possible, in order that sensitive and deserving people may receive assistance, who might, because of publicity, refrain from making application of aid."

The Board of Selectmen approved the White Fund Trustee's request for a total distribution of \$3,725.00. The funds were given to individuals and households in need

Cornelia Huber
Francis Joyner
John Powers
Trustees.

THE GOODNOW FUND

The Goodnow Fund specifies that the interest earned each year be used to pay for perpetual care of the Goodnow Lot in Woodlawn Cemetery and the balance to go to the Acton Congregational Church to be used towards the minister's salary.

Investment:	\$3,000.00
Receipts and Disbursements	
Interest earned July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000	\$152.57
Town of Acton for Perpetual Care	\$20.00
Balance to the Treasurer of the Acton Congregational Church	\$132.57

Sincerely,

Mable Grekula
Frances Moretti
Shirley Towle
Trustees of the Goodnow Fund

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

I respectfully submit the Annual Report of the Town of Acton for the period ended June 30, 2000:

- 1) Combining Balance Sheet (Unaudited)
- 2) Combining Revenue and Expense (Unaudited)
- 3) Department Object Budget for the period ended December 31, 2000

My sincere thanks, to Karen Shree Kucala, Lisa Krause, and Joanne Butman for all their hard work for the department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen G. Barrett CPA

TOWN OF ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
JUNE 30, 2000

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES	FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES	ACCOUNT GROUP	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	INTERNAL SERVICE	TRUST & AGENCY	GENERAL LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS	
ASSETS:							
CASH AND INVESTMENTS	\$8,296,399	\$5,006,651	\$17,386,641	\$7,865,086	\$4,316,021	\$ -	\$42,869,798
PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE:							
CURRENT YEAR	277,775	-	-	-	-	-	277,775
PRIOR YEAR	136,691	-	-	-	-	-	136,691
OTHER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:							
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	362,450	-	-	-	-	-	362,450
TAX LIENS	771,874	-	-	-	-	-	771,874
DEPARTMENTAL	78,111	60,502	-	-	18,783	-	155,396
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	-	80,041	-	-	-	-	80,041
OTHER ASSETS	182,715	-	-	-	-	-	182,715
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR RETIREMENT OF LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	7,231,800	7,231,800
TOTAL ASSETS	\$10,104,015	\$5,156,194	\$17,386,641	\$7,865,086	\$4,334,804	\$7,231,800	\$52,078,540
LIABILITIES:							
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$467,591	\$280,787	\$20,220	\$884,987	\$2,813	\$ -	\$1,658,398
ACCRUED PAYROLL	-	-	-	-	50,612	-	50,612
PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS	-	-	-	-	453,192	-	453,192
OTHER LIABILITIES	489,951	-	-	-	-	-	489,951
POLICE DETAILS AGENCY DEFICIT	-	-	-	-	6,253	-	6,253
DEFERRED REVENUE	(398,578)	60,502	-	-	18,783	-	(319,291)
RESERVE FOR ABATEMENTS	2,206,192	-	-	-	-	-	2,206,192
ACCRUED COMPENSATED ABSENCES	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
NOTES PAYABLE	-	-	22,350,000	-	-	-	22,350,000
BONDS PAYABLE	-	-	-	-	-	7,231,800	7,231,800
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,765,158	341,289	22,370,220	884,987	531,653	7,231,800	34,125,107
FUND EQUITY:							
RETAINED EARNINGS	-	-	-	6,980,099	-	-	6,980,099
FUND BALANCES:							
RESERVED:							
ENCUMBRANCES	729,398	-	-	-	-	-	729,398
CONTINUED ARTICLES	1,344,529	-	-	-	-	-	1,344,529
UNRESERVED:							
OVER/UNDER ASSESSMENTS	(7,080)	-	-	-	-	-	(7,080)
APPROPRIATION DEFICIT	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
TEACHERS PAY DEFERRAL	(474,276)	-	-	-	-	-	(474,276)
DEFICIT FUND BALANCES	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
RESERVED FOR PETTY CASH	1,520	-	-	-	-	-	1,520
RESERVED FOR EXPENDITURES - FY00	790,000	-	-	-	-	-	790,000
RESERVED FOR ENDOWMENTS	-	-	-	-	1,521,885	-	1,521,885
DESIGNATED	-	4,814,905	(4,983,579)	-	2,281,266	-	2,112,592
UNDESIGNATED	4,954,766	-	-	-	-	-	4,954,766
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	7,338,857	4,814,905	(4,983,579)	6,980,099	3,803,151	-	17,953,433
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$10,104,015	\$5,156,194	\$17,386,641	\$7,865,086	\$4,334,804	\$7,231,800	\$52,078,540

**Town of Acton
Department Object Budget**

Dept #	Department	FY 2001 Budget	FY 2001 Expended *	% Expended
1114	Town Moderator			
	Personal Services	200.00	-	0.00%
	Purchase of Supplies	20.00	-	0.00%
	TOTAL	220.00	-	0.00%
1122	Board of Selectmen			
	TOTAL	-	-	
1123	Town Manager			
	Personal Services	281,553.00	129,573.35	46.02%
	Purchase of Services	381,850.00	166,578.36	43.62%
	Purchase of Supplies	15,250.00	4,788.48	31.40%
	Capital Outlay	5,160.00	-	0.00%
	TOTAL	683,813.00	300,940.19	44.01%
1131	Finance Committee			
	Purchase of Services	2,500.00	2,014.98	80.60%
	Other Appropriation	25,000.00	-	0.00%
	TOTAL	27,500.00	2,014.98	7.33%
1132	Finance Director			
	Personal Services	121,900.50	53,879.13	44.20%
	Purchase of Services	158,900.00	46,051.28	28.98%
	Purchase of Supplies	49,500.00	10,900.78	22.02%
	Intergovernmental	43,116.00	43,116.00	100.00%
	Other Appropriation	2,609,680.01	1,089,868.55	41.76%
	Debt Service	1,757,218.00	290,913.09	16.56%
	TOTAL	4,740,314.51	1,534,728.83	32.38%
1133	Comptroller			
	Personal Services	135,833.31	48,554.80	35.75%
	Purchase of Services	1,134.00	756.52	66.71%
	Purchase of Supplies	2,800.00	660.61	23.59%
	TOTAL	139,767.31	49,971.93	35.75%
1137	Board of Assessors			
	Personal Services	130,621.92	65,874.14	50.43%
	Purchase of Services	14,850.00	819.67	5.52%
	Purchase of Supplies	1,400.00	158.00	11.29%
	TOTAL	146,871.92	66,851.81	45.52%
1139	Collector			
	Personal Services	143,651.01	42,712.10	29.73%
	Purchase of Services	47,750.00	-	0.00%
	Purchase of Supplies	25,000.00	2,004.46	8.02%
	TOTAL	216,401.01	44,716.56	20.66%
1152	Personnel			
	Personal Services	93,611.55	46,481.90	49.65%
	Purchase of Services	23,825.00	11,709.37	49.15%
	Purchase of Supplies	2,948.00	939.85	31.88%
	TOTAL	120,384.55	59,131.12	49.12%
1154	Information Technology			
	Personal Services	-	-	0.00%
	Purchase of Services	123,955.00	91,844.78	74.10%
	Purchase of Supplies	5,500.00	503.04	9.15%
	TOTAL	129,455.00	92,347.82	71.34%

**Town of Acton
Department Object Budget**

<i>Dept #</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>FY 2001 Budget</i>	<i>FY 2001 Expended *</i>	<i>% Expended</i>
1161	Town Clerk			
	Personal Services	105,004.38	51,594.88	49.14%
	Purchase of Services	960.00	75.00	7.81%
	Purchase of Supplies	1,800.00	1,241.42	68.97%
	TOTAL	107,764.38	52,911.30	49.10%
1162	Elections			
	Personal Services	1,300.00	284.60	21.89%
	Purchase of Services	27,500.00	13,944.28	50.71%
	Purchase of Supplies	13,100.00	1,149.85	8.78%
	TOTAL	41,900.00	15,378.73	36.70%
1172	Planning Board			
	Personal Services	120,401.85	53,328.94	44.29%
	Purchase of Services	6,100.00	2,508.25	41.12%
	Purchase of Supplies	5,200.00	582.23	11.20%
	TOTAL	131,701.85	56,419.42	42.84%
1173	Zoning Bd of Appeals			
	Purchase of Services	-	-	-
	Purchase of Supplies	300.00	314.54	104.85%
	TOTAL	300.00	314.54	104.85%
1192	Municipal Properties			
	Personal Services	344,932.10	161,651.64	46.86%
	Purchase of Services	468,650.00	215,945.36	46.08%
	Purchase of Supplies	43,860.00	19,670.68	44.85%
	Capital Outlay	35,500.00	14,560.96	41.02%
	TOTAL	892,942.10	411,828.64	46.12%
2100	Police & Dispatch			
	Personal Services	1,958,694.39	983,401.83	50.21%
	Purchase of Services	27,702.00	29,008.79	104.72%
	Purchase of Supplies	75,300.00	40,549.57	53.85%
	Capital Outlay	83,511.00	83,511.00	100.00%
	TOTAL	2,145,207.39	1,136,471.19	52.98%
2200	Fire & EMS			
	Personal Services	2,107,614.30	1,067,144.39	50.63%
	Purchase of Services	30,250.00	19,950.81	65.95%
	Purchase of Supplies	64,700.00	40,933.10	63.27%
	Intergovernmental	1,150.00	1,100.00	95.65%
	Capital Outlay	28,000.00	3,300.00	11.79%
	TOTAL	2,231,714.30	1,132,428.30	50.74%
2510	Building Inspector			
	Personal Services	157,475.67	81,075.27	51.48%
	Purchase of Services	1,200.00	861.40	71.78%
	Purchase of Supplies	3,375.00	2,998.78	88.85%
	TOTAL	162,050.67	84,935.45	52.41%

**Town of Acton
Department Object Budget**

Dept #	Department	FY 2001 Budget	FY 2001 Expended *	% Expended
2910	Civil Defense			
	Purchase of Services	2,100.00	694.73	33.08%
	Purchase of Supplies	2,400.00	197.20	8.22%
	TOTAL	4,500.00	891.93	19.82%
2920	Dog Officer			
	Purchase of Services	10,550.00	4,660.00	44.17%
	Purchase of Supplies			
	TOTAL	10,550.00	4,660.00	44.17%
4100	Engineering			
	Personal Services	155,609.31	81,243.00	52.21%
	Purchase of Services	14,290.00	945.76	6.62%
	Purchase of Supplies	2,650.00	1,034.12	39.02%
	TOTAL	172,549.31	83,222.88	48.23%
4200	Highway			
	Personal Services	658,118.81	306,218.06	46.53%
	Purchase of Services	237,400.00	64,973.08	27.37%
	Purchase of Supplies	272,400.00	89,990.63	33.04%
	Other Appropriation	9,000.00	2,593.50	28.82%
	Infrastructure	315,000.00	145,157.43	46.08%
	Capital Outlay	60,000.00	20,030.30	33.38%
	TOTAL	1,551,918.81	628,963.00	40.53%
5120	Board of Health			
	Personal Services	77,043.98	32,710.39	42.46%
	Purchase of Services	30,400.00	19,740.56	64.94%
	Purchase of Supplies	1,460.00	824.28	56.46%
	TOTAL	108,903.98	53,275.23	48.92%
5410	Council on Aging			
	Personal Services	89,510.09	43,222.52	48.29%
	Purchase of Services	9,087.00	4,292.53	47.24%
	Purchase of Supplies	5,610.00	2,462.40	43.89%
	TOTAL	104,207.09	49,977.45	47.96%
5430	Veterans Services			
	Personal Services	2,600.00	1,300.00	50.00%
	Purchase of Services	115.00	35.00	30.43%
	Purchase of Supplies	210.00	78.29	37.28%
	Other Appropriation	10,500.00	2,002.09	19.07%
	TOTAL	13,425.00	3,415.38	25.44%
5490	Comm on Disabilities			
	Purchase of Services	1,500.00	129.42	8.63%
	Purchase of Supplies			
	TOTAL	1,500.00	129.42	8.63%
5500	Natural Resources			
	Personal Services	357,481.07	165,613.65	46.33%
	Purchase of Services	11,430.00	2,214.56	19.37%
	Purchase of Supplies	23,565.00	13,675.80	58.03%
	Infrastructure	5,000.00	-	0.00%
	TOTAL	397,476.07	181,504.01	45.66%

**Town of Acton
Department Object Budget**

<i>Dept #</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>FY 2001 Budget</i>	<i>FY 2001 Expended *</i>	<i>% Expended</i>
6100	Memorial Library			
	Personal Services	539,058.74	259,641.33	48.17%
	Purchase of Services	27,205.00	26,891.27	98.85%
	Purchase of Supplies	105,369.00	68,184.01	64.71%
	TOTAL	671,632.74	354,716.61	52.81%
6101	West Acton Library			
	Personal Services	23,191.01	11,512.73	49.64%
	Purchase of Services	300.00		0.00%
	Purchase of Supplies	5,730.00	2,257.48	39.40%
	TOTAL	29,221.01	13,770.21	47.12%
6200	Recreation			
	Personal Services	-	-	0.00%
	TOTAL	-	-	0.00%
6500	Historical Commission			
	Purchase of Services			
	Purchase of Supplies	600.00	5.99	1.00%
	TOTAL	600.00	5.99	1.00%
6600	Public Celebrations			
	Personal Services	-	-	0.00%
	Purchase of Services	12,500.00	8,423.77	67.39%
	Other Appropriation	2,000.00	529.00	26.45%
	TOTAL	14,500.00	8,952.77	61.74%
	Sub-Total Municipal	14,999,292.00	6,424,875.69	42.83%
	Acton Public Schools	15,427,073.00	6,327,063.72	41.01%
	Acton-Boxborough Regl Schools	13,084,118.00	6,542,060.00	50.00%
	Minuteman Regl School	542,000.00	395,654.00	73.00%
	Sub-Total School	29,053,191.00	13,264,777.72	45.66%
	Assessments	75,925.00	447,793.50	589.78%
	GRAND TOTAL	44,128,408.00	20,137,446.91	45.63%
	* As of 12-31-00			

HUMAN SERVICES

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY (C.O.D.)

Acton's Commission on Disability (C.O.D.) has reached out to the community in the past year with new projects and members.

The C.O.D. wrote a mission statement for the group this year, as a way to orient its work and create priorities. Its mission is to make Acton a better place to live for all by advocating for the rights and interests for citizens with disabilities, upholding legislation and acting as a resource around the needs of people with disabilities.

As in the past, the C.O.D. assisted town departments in meeting the needs of people with disabilities. The C.O.D. worked with the Friends of the Acton Arboretum and Tom Tidman, Conservation Administrator, to create a "universal trail" at the Arboretum to make this popular space accessible to everyone in town. We purchased cobblestones for this project, and hope to be finished in the spring of 2001. As part of an educational process of disability awareness, we are videotaping the trail construction. In the fall, we also contributed funds to help make the arboretum parking more accessible by regrading and adding a new platform.

The C.O.D. remained active in reviewing plans for new building construction in Acton, evaluating new school building projects and the plans for the new Public Safety Building. It is essential to make these public buildings accessible to all people. The commission also continues their work with the police department to monitor handicapped parking in town.

The Kids on the Block puppets continued their use by Girl Scouts in Acton and Boxborough to raise disability awareness locally. Plans for students at the Merriam School to use the puppets in '01 are in the works.

In an attempt to make the C.O.D. more visible throughout the town, we set up a booth at the Octoberfest, distributing literature and our popular restaurant access guide. This work continues throughout the town, with publicity at supermarkets, the library, senior center and other public buildings. Plans to update the restaurant guide are being made.

Finally, the C.O.D. gained two new members but. The Commission still needs two more members to meet its total allowance. We hope to see any citizen with an interest in the lives of people with disabilities join the Commission.

Dana Snyder-Grant, Chairperson
John Brako, Vice-Chairperson
George Lussier, Treasurer
Lisa Franklin, Secretary
Joseph Grandine, Member
Chris Weinberger, Member
Brenda Viola, Member
Garry Rhodes, Town Liaison

COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION

The Acton Community Housing Corporation, a town board appointed by the Board of Selectmen, continues to fulfill its mission to increase the supply of affordable housing in the town. ACHC exists to enable creation of affordable housing ownership opportunities for moderate-income families, with priority to Acton residents, children of Acton residents, and employees working in Acton.

The Year 2000 was a banner year for the ACHC with the addition of 10 units of affordable housing, nine of which were new construction. These homes were sold to income eligible First Time Homebuyers, primarily local residents or employees. The following is a summary of the major activities of focus for the ACHC in 2000.

- As part of the Bellows Farm Outreach program, the ACHC approved the final two single family homes in existing neighborhoods, purchased by developer Ron Peabody. One was a newly constructed handicapped unit. The Bellows Farm program provided a total of six affordable single family homes.
- Construction on two other affordable housing projects, Harris Village and Westside Village, was completed in 2000. Developers Ron Peabody and Frank Panetta provided a total of eight units of new construction affordable housing to eligible families.
- April 2000 Town Meeting voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell tax delinquent property obtained through foreclosure. The ACHC has requested they be notified when this occurs to allow for potential development of affordable units.

- Governor Cellucci issued an Executive Order to all cities and towns that strongly urges communities to be working toward the goal of providing 10% of their housing stock in affordable housing. Future distribution of state funds to communities will be tied to the documented efforts of communities.

The members of ACHC look forward to a very busy year in 2001 as we continue to pursue additional opportunities for affordable home ownership. We welcomed a new member to the board, Dan Buckley and were saddened to have Jana Mullin go on extended leave.

We would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Staff, and the participating developers for a productive and rewarding year. A special thank you goes to the Acton Housing Authority executive director and staff for their valuable assistance throughout the years. We wish to dedicate this Annual Report to long time ACHC member Jana Mullin who has made solid contributions to the housing effort since the inception of the ACHC. Her advice and support has been invaluable.

Chairman	Nancy Tavernier
Vice Chairman	Peter Berry
Clerk	Naomi McManus
Members	Dan Buckley
	Kevin McManus
Associate Member	Pam Shuttle
	Jana Mullin

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Acton Council on Aging provides services and programs available to the 2400 senior citizens 60 years and older in the Town of Acton. Located on 50 Audubon Drive, the Smith-Cloonan Senior Center houses the Council on Aging offices, a clinic/computer room and two large rooms for dining and a wide range of social, recreational and educational activities and programs.

The Council on Aging staff is comprised of the Director, Jean Fleming, the Assistant to the Director, Barbara Winders, the Outreach Coordinator, Carol Steiner, the Program Coordinator, Cathy Biron and the COA Van Driver, Ron Paskavitz. Dan Thomas, Steve Ryan and Erna Brandon are substitute van drivers.

Although the great majority of the COA budget is funded by the Town of Acton, limited staffing hours are funded by an annual grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

We are proud of the wide range of programs and classes offered to Acton seniors. Computer classes continue to be very popular at the Senior Center and are scheduled for 6 - 8 week sessions throughout the year. Exercise classes, which are well attended, include two levels of aerobics classes meeting twice a week and weekly Tai Chi and back strengthening classes. New

this fall were a memoir writing workshop, a mixed media art class which took place in the Acton Arboretum and a calligraphy class. The writing workshop and the Arboretum art class will be repeated in the spring due to such a positive response. Watercolor and bridge classes, craft workshops, book discussions, a genealogy group, singing, dollhouse decorating, quilting, pool, ping pong and poker are enjoyed, as well as, weekly viewing of classic and current films on the large screen TV. Men plan and enjoy the monthly men's pancake breakfast and informal men's coffee and discussion group. Quarterly legal consultation is offered, and a four part legal - financial series offered this fall was very well received. Income tax services are provided by AARP volunteers. Monthly health clinics and senior health information sessions are offered by the Acton Public Health Nursing Service. Day trips are offered monthly to regional restaurants, shopping areas, historic sites, museums, theatre, symphony, ballgames and special events. A direct mail newsletter issued, ten times a year, provides information on all these programs and services to Acton seniors.

Minuteman Senior Services' Nutrition program provides a hot lunch four days a week in the Senior Center dining room. Edith Dietrich, meal site manager, always adds that special touch to ensure that luncheon guests feel welcome and that the dining room is decorated for the season. Volunteer drivers deliver luncheon meals five days a week to homebound seniors, with evening meals and frozen meals for weekends also available.

Council On Aging staff provide resource information to Acton seniors and families about home health care, adult day care, housing options, health insurance, legal and financial assistance, long term care facilities and specialized resources for those with Alzheimer's Disease. A monthly support group for caregivers is held in the Senior Center. The Friendly Visitor program provides outreach to isolated seniors, who are also encouraged to enroll in the RUOK program, a phone reassurance program which is run by the Acton Police Department. Seniors are assisted with Fuel Assistance applications, borrow durable medical equipment from the COA Loan Closet, and receive personalized consultation about health insurance needs from the two volunteer SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of Seniors) counselors, trained by Minuteman Senior Services. The new and extremely well received Handyman Program, with fourteen volunteers, has provided 120 hours of free expertise and labor to 37 seniors in need of minor repairs in their homes.

The Senior Work Program is in its second year of operation, providing up to \$500 per fiscal year to fifteen senior citizens who would like to work on a temporary basis in Acton's municipal government. Although not fully subscribed the first year, several seniors are returning for the second year to jobs they and their employers felt very positive about. New applicants are welcome; applications are available in the COA office.

The Council On Aging van, a 10 passenger van with two wheelchair stations, provides rides to Acton seniors and disabled adults within Acton, Concord and Maynard for minimal

fees. Both the COA van and the Road Runner vans are administered by the Lowell Regional Transit Authority, which receives federal, state grants and town assessments.

We are very proud of and grateful to the 137 volunteers who provided services to Acton seniors this past year. These dedicated, compassionate and energetic individuals deliver meals to homebound elders, visit isolated seniors in their homes, do minor home repairs, teach classes, cook, serve and clean up after special meals, create quilts and dollhouses to be raffled as fundraisers for the Friends of the Council On Aging, provide legal and income tax assistance, prepare the newsletters for mailing, answer the phone, feed and water the plants and keep our library shelves organized. The volunteer members of the Council on Aging Board meet monthly and provide ideas, assistance and support to the Council on Aging. The Handyman Program as well as an independent Senior Travel Program were initiated and are coordinated by COA Board members. The Friends of the Council On Aging, Inc. provides substantial program support through the generous gifts of Acton citizens. The Friends also administer the Emergency Fuel Assistance Fund, which provides emergency fuel assistance to seniors and families in need. The Acton Lions Club, the Acton Rotary and the St. Elizabeth's confirmation class all provide wonderful dinners. Theatre III hosts free dress rehearsals. The Concord Boathouse provided complimentary riverboat rides. Acton Village Video donates a weekly video for viewing on our large screen TV. The Acton Garden Club and Jr. Gardeners helped create holiday centerpieces and clean up the outside gardens and Brownie Scouts planted flowers. The high school and junior high school choruses provided the wonderful gift of music after holiday dinners, and high school band and chorus members brought sand buckets to seniors' homes in a newly initiated winter home safety program. The Salvation Army provides emergency funds throughout the year to seniors and others in need and Community Supper provides food gift certificates. The Acton Women's Club, school groups, area church groups, Brownies and Cub Scouts, private individuals, neighborhood groups and a special "Santa" provided holiday decorations, food and gifts. A heartfelt thanks to all these individuals and organizations who have been so generous with their time, talent and financial contributions. You enrich the lives of so many Acton seniors and families.

The Acton Council On Aging and Senior Center are open 8 - 5, Monday through Friday, except for holidays. Please call 264-9643 for any information, assistance or if you would like to volunteer for any of our programs.

Submitted by Jean Fleming, Director

Jean Worfolk, Chair

Thomas McQueen	Alice Motoney
Alan Hart	Nancy Gerhardt
Joseph Grandine	Marvin Pope
Gay Rose	Liz Cash
Pat Ellis, Associate	Catherine Guinee, Associate

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Board of Commissioners and staff of the Acton Housing Authority continue to strive to insure a supply of safe, decent, affordable housing for the low income elderly, handicapped and families in Acton. The Authority administers 329 subsidized units under eight (8) separate federal and state housing programs as listed below:

State Housing Programs	
Elderly/Handicapped Units (Chapter 667)	91
Residential Service Program	1
Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP)	1
Alternative Housing Voucher Program (AHVP)	28
Handicapped Housing Units (Chapter 689)	12
Family Housing Units (Chapter 705)	39
Federal Housing Programs	
Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher	142
Section 8 Mainstream (Handicapped Housing)	15
Section 8 Family Sufficiency (FSS) Coordinator	

This year's highlights:

The Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development awarded Acton a grant allowing the exterior siding of the family/elderly buildings at McCarthy Village to be stained.

The Federal Government's Housing and Urban Development awarded thirty (30) additional Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers.

A Non profit Board separate from the Authority was formed to oversee the administration of the Doli Atamian Campership Program which will expand the campership program to enable income eligible Acton families the opportunity to have their children attend summer camp or summer school by the spring of 2002. Charles "Charlie" Landry retired after 19 years as the Authority's maintenance supervisor.

Through the generous donations and community support given the Authority by Acton/Boxborough United Way, the State and Federal Housing Departments, the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, the Massachusetts Department of Retardation, the Acton Town Boards and the Town Departments the Authority has continued its successful proactive programs.

The Acton Housing Authority manages its 329 housing units through Federal and State contracts and while the Town directly benefits from the programs none of the Town's property tax revenues are used. All the programs are offered through volunteers and by donations received from local patrons, community organizations and State Grants.

A special thanks to those who continue to support the efforts of the Acton Housing Authority.

Board of Commissioners

Jean Schoch- Chairperson
Diane Poulos Harpell-Vice Chairperson
Maureen Beauregard
Claire Kostro- Treasurer
Joseph Nagle- Secretary
Dennis Sullivan- Member
Brenda Mleziva
Barbara Smith
Ellen Weisstein
Namoi McManus

Family Self Sufficiency Coordinating Committee

Fran Spayne- Coordinator
Carola Dolmar
Cail Fields
Carol Lake
Linda Mathinos
Naomi (Betty) McManus
Executive Director

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

The Acton Public Health Nursing Service, a division of the Health Department, has provided services to the town of Acton since 1923. We are proud to carry on the tradition of skilled, personalized services provided on the local level to Acton residents.

The year two thousand has been a stabilization year at Acton Public Health Nursing Service. We sought to bring in additional staff, while continuing to provide skilled, caring services. We have also been adjusting to the increasing and varied demands of the current health care climate, especially Medicare. We have also focused on informing town residents and agencies about the services we can provide, so they will know to request our services from their health care providers. We don't want to be "the best kept secret in Acton," as one of our patients recently called us!

The Nursing Service provides a full range of home health care services to Acton residents, billing Medicare and many other insurance companies. These services include skilled nursing; physical, occupational and speech therapy; medical social services and home health aide assistance.

Public health services offered include blood pressure and cholesterol screenings; a monthly podiatry clinic; funding for Smoking Cessation classes in the schools; and funding for the Volunteer Mentoring Program operated by the Big Brother and Big Sister Program. The public health nurse spent over 450 hours providing communicable disease surveillance. This and other public health services add up to over 820 nursing hours provided to the Town of Acton including the provision of over 2500 flu vaccinations. During the past year, we added a third monthly blood pressure screening and a monthly health education series at the Council on Aging. New fee-based programs introduced this past year include blood drawing for home bound patients, increased occupational health services to local

industry, and expansion of home health aide services to seven days per week. The Day Care licensing responsibility was relinquished to the Massachusetts Office for Child Care Services, with Acton Nursing Service acting in a consulting role with Acton day care providers. We continue to provide walk-in services at our office on the 2nd floor of Town Hall for adult and childhood vaccinations and blood pressure checks. We encourage you to call before coming to make sure there is a nurse available to assist you, as they are often out making home visits.

Volunteers and other town departments continue to provide substantial support to the Nursing Service. The Friends of Acton Nursing Service (FANS) provide ongoing financial and volunteer support. In addition to publicizing our activities and services, members assist with flu and podiatry clinics, fund the purchase of specialized equipment, underwrite the purchase of services and supplies for needy Acton residents as well as the podiatry clinic. The Professional Advisory Committee, composed of several health professionals residing in Acton, provide professional guidance by reviewing policies and procedures and quality assurance reviews. The fire department provides off-hours paging services. The Council on Aging provides space for us to conduct many of our screening programs, as well as the health education series. We especially appreciate the support of Jean Fleming, Director and her staff at the Council on Aging, for their tremendous support during this past year's flu clinic. We could not accomplish all we do without the support of these people.

The Acton Public Health Nursing Service is alive and well and looks forward to another 75 years, serving the Town of Acton

Merrily Evdokimoff, RN,MSN.
Administrator
Public Health Nursing

Service Statistics

Home Visits

Registered Nurse	1192
Home Health Aide	3,101
Physical Therapy	497
Speech Therapy	1
Occupational Therapy	34
Medical Social Work	<u>45</u>
Total Home Visits	4870

Health Promotion Activities

Cholesterol Screening	50
Lead Screening	3
TB Testing	34
Blood Pressure Checks	759
Podiatry Clinic	25
Influenza Vaccine	2504
Other Vaccinations	12

Communicable Disease Follow-up

Animal Bites

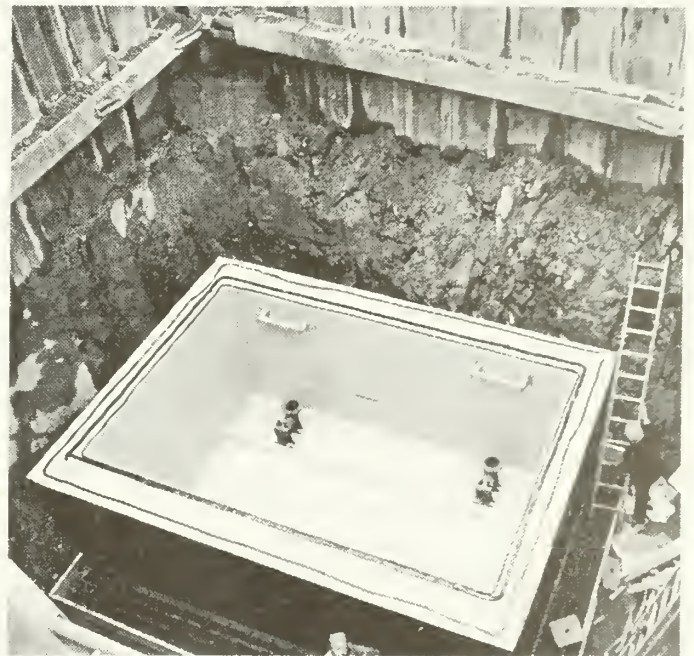
Dog	8
Cat	2
Food Poisoning	2
Hepatitis	
A	2
B	8
C	2
Lyme Disease	6
Whooping Cough	10
Meningitis	1
Gastrointestinal Infections	
Giardia	6
Salmonella	4
Campylobacter	8
Shigella	1

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

The Sealer of Weights and Measures annually checks the accuracy of all weighing and measuring devices used by retail and wholesale businesses in the conduct of their trade. This includes scales, gasoline and oil pumps, yardgoods and measuring devices, as well as investigating complaints in the sale of cordwood.

Number of Devices Sealed	Number Adjusted	
Scales	127	5
Gas Pumps	194	10
Bulk Storage	2	
Apothecary	62	
Price Verification Inspections	8	

Mark Fitzpatrick
Sealer of Weights & Measures



River Street Pump Station.
Photo by Belle Choate

VETERANS' GRAVES

The following are the name, branch of service, date of death, and location of interment of the twelve known United States Veterans interred in the Acton Cemeteries in 2000:

Raymond L. Bamford

U.S. Air Force Vietnam Oct 15, 2000 Woodlawn

Thomas Wallace Cole Jr.

U.S. Air Force WW II June 5, 2000 Woodlawn

Lawrie Comeau

Aug 28, 2000 Mount Hope

Gerard T. Flynn

U.S. Air Force Korea May 30, 2000 Woodlawn

Robert High

U.S. Army WW II Dec. 14, 2000 Woodlawn

John Martin Kuda

U.S. Army WW II Sept. 30, 2000 Woodlawn

William Manooshian

U.S. Air Force Vietnam Nov. 12, 2000 Woodlawn

Cecil George Rivers

U.S. Navy WW II Jan. 14, 2000 Mount Hope

William P. Savage

U.S. Air Force Oct 9, 2000 Woodlawn

Joseph J. Sorrentino

U.S. Army WW II Oct 26, 2000 Mount Hope

John Sworobowicz

U.S. Marines WW II Nov 9, 2000 Mount Hope

In preparation for Memorial Day, a veteran flag standard, an American flag, and a geranium are placed at the grave of each known U.S. Veteran. If this information was omitted on the Burial Permit or Cremation Certificate, we have no way of knowing that your loved one was a veteran unless we receive a Government grave marker. The United States Government will provide a bronze or granite veterans' grave marker at no cost to the family, provided that the next-of-kin fills out an application, available from all funeral directors or from the Veterans' Agent, and forwards it to the proper authority.

If you know of a veteran whose grave has not been recognized with a flag and flag standard, please call the cemetery office at 264-9644.

Charles H. Jones
Veterans' Burial Agent

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOLS EDUCATION REPORT

1999 - 2000

INTRODUCTION

In 1999-2000, progress continued on the construction of the new (now named) J. Parker Damon Building to house the Merriam and McCarthy Towne schools and on the renovation and expansion of R. J. Grey Junior High School. Both school building projects were designed by the architects at The Office of Michael Rosenfeld in Acton. Meanwhile, the Town of Acton's sewer construction project reached the school campus. As a result, throughout the year, the campus along Charter Road was transformed by construction activity.

The schools' request for an operating override for the 1999-2000 school year was rejected at Town Meeting. As a result, the elementary schools lost the coordinator of their library program, as well as other services and materials. The junior high received a half team (they had asked for a whole team of teachers), and the high school, for the third year, did not get any new staff. That translated into extremely large class sizes for our oldest students. To balance such a large shortfall, many members of the community, especially parents, continued their generous financial support. We also were fortunate that a small number of new grants helped us deal with specific challenges, such as the growth of ESL (English as a Second Language) demand.

As we approach the end of the first seven years of Education Reform, state regulations continue to influence the districts' actions in a variety of areas: professional development, recertification, school scheduling, technology, curriculum and instruction and, MCAS, assessment. We continue to worry about the financial aid formula and how much we can expect from the Commonwealth for our budgets in the future.

The Acton Public Schools' and Acton-Boxborough Regional Schools' MCAS scores were among the highest in the state in 1999-2000. Given the socioeconomic and educational backgrounds of our students, one would expect that, overall, our students would do well. Nonetheless, our faculty takes pride in the fact that most of our students have developed such strong command over the skills which the state is assessing. This pride is especially warranted when considering all the other exciting things we are doing for our students, above and beyond teaching the narrow band of academic skills and knowledge covered by these standardized tests. (In fact, we believe our students' scores are as high as they are in large part because of all of those wonderful other things we do with them.)

On the other hand, these test scores also highlight the fact that some of the students in Acton and Acton-Boxborough still have serious weaknesses in crucial literacy and numeracy skills. Therefore, our faculty has also been examining the details in the MCAS data and extracting useful lessons that can help us to improve instruction. In our districts and schools we are not operating on the assumption that teaching to the MCAS tests will necessarily improve curriculum and instruction. Rather, we have thoughtfully examined the state's curriculum frameworks and the state's tests. Where we believe that if aligning our local curricula to the state frameworks and tests will enhance the education we provide, we make changes. Where we believe our current approach is preferable to the state's, or that the state tests are overly narrow, we retain our local approach — even if doing so may result in lower MCAS scores.

Our District Goals for the 1999-2000 school year called for us to:

1. Revise the budgeting process. We established a new process in which the Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and School Committees met together on a Saturday to work out the budget. The districts' budget presentations to Town Meeting were simplified and condensed to facilitate Town decision making.
2. Attend to school climate and safety issues. The major result of this Goal was the development of a systemwide emergency response plan. Revisions of this plan will continue in the 2000-2001 school year.
3. Move forward with the building projects. As noted, construction continued at both the J. Parker Damon Building and the junior high school. In addition, the Building Committee, School Committee and administration made great efforts to move ahead with the plans for the high school renovation and enlargement project. In spring 2000, the School Committee voted to undertake the project feasibility study. In an October Special Town Meeting residents voted to spend \$52,460,000 for high school construction. In November, the debt exclusion ball question also passed.

4. Fully engage in the NEASC Accreditation Process at A. B. R. H. S. The accreditation process required a tremendous amount of time and energy on the part of the high school staff. However, the staff treated the process as an opportunity for reflection — to identify the school's strengths and weaknesses as a basis for planning for continued improvement in the years ahead.
5. Attend to curriculum initiatives. As always, the districts undertook revision of elements of the academic program. As in recent years, this year the process was undertaken in the environment of standards-led reform. Faculty reviewed curricula in light of state frameworks; even when they chose not to align local curricula with state benchmarks, they had the state's benchmarks and the state's testing program in mind.

Compiled from pieces written by many staff members, this report offers a broad overview, as well as some detailed information, about our endeavors. In addition to this report, we provide information to the public in print, on cable television, and in person. School information is available on the website (<http://ab.mec.edu>).

ENROLLMENT

The elementary enrollment from October 1, 1999 to October 1, 2000 increased from 2,440 to 2,489. Elementary age "school choice" students decreased from 3 to 1. Kindergarten enrollment decreased from 328 to 325. The Junior High School enrollment decreased from 856 to 843 with a decrease of 2 (9 to 7) "choice" students. The High School numbers went from 1,413 to 1,490 with 67 "choice" students, down from 122 (-55) a year ago.

PERSONNEL

Staffing changes for the 1999-00 school year included the June, 1999 retirement of six Acton Public and four Acton-Boxborough Regional teachers. Leaves of absence for five ABRSD teachers and six APS teachers were granted and twenty-one resignations received. The hiring of 14.4 AB and 11.3 APS full-time equivalent new teachers filled those vacancies. "School Choice" moneys in the regional schools helped keep class sizes from increasing at an even greater rate.

One public teacher began the school year working in private industry as part of the externship program. The teachers who had participated previously have returned to our school with new knowledge and a renewed energy for working with Acton and Acton-Boxborough students. One additional Acton Public teacher received a Fellowship for the 1999-00 school year.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We continued our extensive professional development program, available to all staff. During the year we offered over forty courses and workshops and also many opportunities for our staff to work in study groups. Many of the offerings were centered on four main themes: assessment, diversity and inclusion, instructional practice, and technology. The individual courses were seen as strands emanating from these themes. The districts have the status of Professional Development Provider, as designated by the Massachusetts Department of Education. As a result, courses and workshops which we offer can be used by teachers for the purpose of recertification.

We also worked in conjunction with the EDCO Collaborative to offer a number of outstanding professional development opportunities for the staff.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

The following is a sample of research and development projects which were underway during the spring and summer of 2000.

- Grade 3 teachers developed a pilot project to enable the social studies curriculum to be more "Massachusetts based."
- Grade 4 teachers developed an interdisciplinary unit on Rivers to connect to their science unit (Land and Water) and also to social studies and language arts.
- Junior high staff developed an interdisciplinary unit on the concept of the "Hero and Courage through Literature."
- A junior high team met to review and revise existing interdisciplinary projects; develop new interdisciplinary projects and activities; refine the "Keystone Project," and complete development of the Science Fiction Project.
- A curriculum was developed for a summer program for at risk students; the program will be based in the junior high.
- A high school unit was developed to link the visual and scientific aspects of photography.
- Math teachers at the high school were provided with training on math software available for Mac computers.

PUPIL SERVICES

The junior high counseling department continued to work with a health educator to provide leadership trainings, self-esteem and social skills workshops for students in 7th and 8th grade. A counselor worked with the 7th-grade social studies department to integrate a "hate crimes" curriculum into the 7th-grade social studies units on civil rights. The department continued to be involved in delivering the sexual harassment curriculum to all the 7th-grade teams; units on respect, bullying and teasing, and sexual harassment were included. Counselors

were involved in teaching a career education elective during the A block elective program. Counselors collaborated with the Academic Support Center and developed a Peer Tutoring Program which involved 25 student tutors and 25 students.

The high school counseling program continued its work with the Peer Counseling course. The department was fortunate to have a full-time counseling intern to assist in meeting the academic, social-emotional, and career goals of the students. One of the counselors worked collaboratively with the school-to-career coordinator to develop career exploration groups for sophomores. The department also supported an Advanced Placement teachers' study group. The department received a federal grant which funded a therapist from Boundaries Therapy Center to come into the school and co-lead substance abuse groups. The department continued to offer parent evenings to address such issues as early decision applications to colleges, financial aid, and the college search. The high school community suffered a loss with the death of an Acton student. As a result of this loss, the department co-sponsored a forum for teens and their parents on suicide.

At the junior and senior high school the Pupil Service Department continued to work collaboratively with academic department leaders to address MCAS curriculum and student issues. Grants funded summer research and development opportunities where regular and special education staff developed new curriculum. The regular education Academic Support Centers at the junior and senior high schools continued to expand their role in meeting the regular education needs of students and to offer opportunities to remediate skill weaknesses.

Acton Public Schools Pupil Services staff have participated in professional development opportunities designed to increase the repertoire of strategies and intervention to promote the development of language and learning skills in elementary-aged students. Through a Massachusetts Department of Education grant, "Accessing the Curriculum," Acton Public Schools offered professional development for regular education teachers, specialists and assistants. The focus was to teach students how to generalize learning strategies and behaviors taught in small groups to the classroom. Teachers and specialists designed specific opportunities for generalization to take place within the classroom, often modeling for classroom teachers in class.

Pupil Services staff attended a six-hour presentation on *The Explosive Child* by Dr. Ross Greene. Dr. Greene is a well-known psychiatrist from Children's Hospital. He spoke about specific interventions designed to enhance the educational opportunities for some of our most difficult students. This opportunity was also funded through the "Accessing the Curriculum" grant.

The local school district, in collaboration with the Littleton and Boxborough Public Schools, continued to manage a Massachusetts Department of Education Community Partnerships

for Children grant. These grant monies were used to enhance the quality of programming in early childhood programs and family home day care. Grant monies were used to subsidize child care for low income working families and provide staff and parent training. Participating centers were engaged in the accreditation program sponsored by the National Association of Educators of Young Children.

Now in its sixth year, the Acton Public Schools Integrated Preschool is an established early childhood option within the community. Preschoolers with special education needs are educated with children who are developing typically. Parents may choose to enroll their three- and four-year-olds for a preschool experience. IPS has four sessions which meet four days per week. The professional staff includes two special educators; speech/language, occupational and physical therapists; two occupational therapy assistants; and four teacher assistants. The staff teach and provide therapy using an integrated therapy model. The Integrated Preschool staff works closely with school staff to insure a smooth transition for students entering kindergarten.

Elementary counselors participated in a biweekly study group to develop materials to share with teachers about social and emotional issues that affect student progress in the classroom curriculum. One focus was to strengthen students' sense of responsibility for their school community. This included having in-class programs to address respect and positive behavior. Counselor inservice in this area included Ross Greene's presentation on his book, *Explosive Children*, non-violent behavioral intervention training, and an "At-Risk Children" workshop. Parent education continued to be a focus with a behavior management workshop offered several evenings at Merriam school and parenting group meetings in individual homes for McCarthy-Towne parents. Crisis teams were formed in the schools, and an Emergency Response Plan was developed. An elementary psychologist co-authored and received a \$10,000 competitive grant for Character Development curriculum in the classroom.

Two elementary counselors worked with the Merriam and McCarthy-Towne community of parents, students, and staff to develop structures for cooperative relationships in the new Twin School. Psychologists and counselors worked over the summer to define social/emotional criteria for special education eligibility, as well as social skill goals/objectives for the new I. E. P.

With the support of the Framingham statewide grant, the school nurses were able to upgrade medical textbooks and purchase some health office equipment. The nurses continued to work on the development of a system-wide Emergency Response Plan in collaboration with the school principals. A flu clinic was offered for all staff members, and elementary nurses conducted Hepatitis B Clinics for students in grade 6. Standardized health care plans for students in grades K-12

were put into practice during the year. In addition, the nurses developed informational pamphlets for parents on food allergies and medication administration. Many of the nurses participated in classroom teaching opportunities, including Human Growth & Development, safety and hygiene. Students continue to have an increasing number of chronic health issues requiring more time and attention by the school nurses.

ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The enrollment in the Acton Public Schools has continued to grow, resulting in crowded instructional conditions in each of the five schools. To alleviate the crowded conditions at the kindergarten and first grade levels, two new sections (one kindergarten and one first grade) were added at the Merriam School in September, 1998. These sections continued into two new sections of grades 1 and 2 at Merriam for the 1999-00 school year. An additional section of first grade was also added at the McCarthy-Towne school to accommodate the many children who attend private kindergarten and enter the Acton schools in first grade. All schools also continue to have an all-day kindergarten.

Construction began on the new Twin School building, which is scheduled to open in the fall of 2001. At that time the students and programs from the McCarthy-Towne and Merriam Schools will move into the new building. Although a plan to establish a Kindergarten Center at the Merriam School was developed and presented to the School Committee, it was decided that the best use of the Merriam building space would be as a multi-use facility. Merriam will house the Central Office, Pupil Services Department and some high school programs. We appreciate the support of the community in providing a solution to the serious space problem which our schools have experienced during recent years.

Library personnel and technology support for the elementary schools, which were reduced dramatically for the school year 1998-99 as a result of the failed override, were restored for the 1999-00 school year, as were funds for new library books and materials.

The five elementary schools — Conant, Douglas, Gates, McCarthy-Towne, and Merriam, have experienced similar highlights this past year. Each school has the following:

- A School Council, as required by the Educational Reform Act of 1993;
- Vital parent involvement that plays an active role in the life of its school. Parents sponsored numerous assembly programs that enriched their school's cultural and aesthetic life with musicians, storytellers, and other performers. The parents raised funds for school-wide projects; provided volunteers for many in- and out-of-class activities, tasks and services;

and staffed the "Safe Arrival" hotlines. The parents also sponsored school newsletters and other activities;

- A number of whole-school events such as an orientation programs for kindergarten parents and children as the school year begins, back-to-school-night open houses in the fall, and a Memorial Day Program in the spring;
- Students who use computers and technology in various ways to supplement the writing/composing process, to enrich or extend learning experiences in each curricular area, to strengthen the learning of concepts and practice of skills via the Internet;
- A faculty that participates in professional development through one or more of these activities: pursuit of formal course work, involvement in systemwide curriculum and instruction review and improvement projects, participation in the system's Professional Development Day, and attendance at professional conferences and workshops. In addition, many teachers worked with student teachers. Through their actions, the faculty again showed that they are truly committed to the concept of being life-long learners;
- A reception or event to celebrate and honor the parents and volunteers who assist each school during the school year.

Curriculum Review and Update

Language Arts: The draft of the Language Arts Curriculum Objectives was finalized and accepted during the 1999-2000 school year. The revised objectives are in alignment with the Massachusetts Framework for English Language Arts (1997). Individual schools select materials for program implementation. These and all other current objectives are posted on the AB home page. A summer course was offered in 2000 titled Reading to Write: Writing to Read (see Grants, below).

Math: Funded by a grant from Project PALMS (Statewide math science initiative), a group of elementary teachers met this summer to review the Acton math objectives and compare them to the newly revised Massachusetts Mathematics Curriculum Framework (2000). The proposed revisions will be reviewed for final adoption by grade level teachers from all five elementary schools during the 2000-2001 school year. A summer institute was offered for elementary math teachers (see Grants, below).

Health: Funded by our Health Protection grant (state money), a group of teachers met to review the Massachusetts Health Framework (1999). Proposed revisions will be reviewed for final adoption by grade level teachers during the 2000-2001 school year.

Science and Social Studies: Our programs were not significantly changed during the 1999-2000 school year.

Grants

We were awarded a Massachusetts Department of Education Summer Content Institute Grant which served 30 teachers (20 from Acton and Boxborough, 10 from other districts). The project was titled "Achieving Mathematical Power." We applied again for the 2000-2001 school year and hosted a summer institute titled "Reading to Write, Writing to Read: A Connection of Thought and Language." Additional sessions will be held during the 2000-2001 school year.

Drug and Alcohol Education Programs

The DARE program continued in grades four and six with the support of the Acton Rotary. Our third-grade classes participated in the B.A.B.E.S. program (Beginning Alcohol (and other drugs) Basic Education Series).

ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

R. J. Grey Junior High

R. J. Grey opened its doors in September of 1999 to 856 students (427 in grade 7 and 429 in grade 8). Again no new "school choice" students were accepted, although there were still fourteen "choice" students in the system coming from the elementary schools.

All students take English, social studies, math, science and physical education/health. The curriculum demonstrates the core values of reading (the English program is literature-based), writing (although skills are primarily taught in English, the other academic subjects have adopted the "Writing Across the Curriculum" approach, which provides students with a more consistent writing approach), math (with the added skill development of reading mathematical language), and our physical (science) and cultural (social studies) world. Most of our students not exempted by an Individual Educational Plan took a world language, with twice as many taking Spanish as French. Seventh graders participated in an "exploratory program" which consisted of Information Skills, Art, Music and Minuteman Tech Lab each for a quarter of the year. Exploratories for the eighth graders consisted of Art, Principles of Engineering, and Life Skills.

Students could also choose from elective offerings of drawing and painting, reading/academic support, band, materials technology, chorus, basic guitar, advanced word processing, Japanese Culture and Minuteman Tech Lab.

The interscholastic athletic program included teams in cross country, soccer, field hockey, basketball, softball, track and baseball. All of these teams were supported by an activity fee paid by the participants. The R. J. Grey intramural program became much more available to students, usually meeting four days a week. Students could participate in a variety of activities such as floor hockey, basketball, wrestling, volleyball and tennis. Other after-school extra-curricular activities included an Environmental Club, a Painting and Drawing Club, a Math Club, a Jazz Band, a Select Choir, a Chess/Board Games Club, a Yearbook Club, The AB Blueprint (school paper), a school play ("Annie"), the Student Council, and a Photography Club. Students also had the opportunity to work in the computer lab every day after school and the library two afternoons a week.

One of the most important aspects of R. J. Grey is "teaming." Teaming is the ideal format through which we can deliver those programs and values we most believe in, as expressed in our Statement of Purpose: meeting the needs of the adolescent, maintaining curricular quality and interdisciplinary opportunities, and creating a sense of community. There were four full seventh-grade teams, each with approximately 107 students and five teachers (English, social studies, math, science, and Spanish and/or French). There were three full eighth-grade teams, each with about 110 students and five teachers (math, science, English, social studies, and one of the three "exploratory" subjects which rotated each third of the year). Additionally, there was one eighth-grade team with four sections involving the same core subjects. Teachers plan integrated curricular activities which help students see the relationships between the various subjects. Teaming allows teachers to get to know students very well and gives common planning time to support these students. Time is scheduled which allows parents to meet with all team teachers at one time to get the whole picture of their child's progress. Teaming also breaks a big school into smaller units, which makes the school less intimidating than being one student out of over 850.

There were several groups looking at the future of R. J. Grey. The entire staff as well as subcommittees continued to look at the parts of the program which are highly valued in order to preserve them and also looked at ways to enhance the learning opportunities of all students. The School Council, consisting of five parents, one community person-at-large, four staff members, four students and the principal, addressed a wide variety of issues and made recommendations to the administration which were very helpful. The Student Council continued to have a strong voice in the development of the school and the overall school climate. R. J. Grey was represented by a P.T.S.O. organization which included grades seven through twelve. Parents were invited to attend monthly noontime informational meet-

ings with both the RJG and ABRHS principals who presented reports and answered questions. The P.T.S.O. also sponsored evening programs designed to provide parents with information about the schools.

There continue to be challenges to providing a fine program for R. J. Grey students. Foremost this year was the beginning in November of a \$19.1M addition and renovation project. The addition will add thirteen classrooms, two computer labs, and 50% more gymnasium. By spring the many sounds of excavation and construction were heard as the new wing was being built in the previously existing Superintendent's Office parking lot. This project is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2001 and, when complete, will provide all new infrastructure (e.g., wiring, lights, heating/ventilation system) and renovated classrooms. Other resource challenges continue to be 1) increasing the staff to keep up with the growing school population, and 2) providing time for teachers to support the needs of students, the curriculum, and the total school program.

In November, 1999 R. J. Grey (as well as the high school and elementary schools) received the first results of the state-mandated MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) tests from the previous spring. We are proud that our students scored among the top-performing schools in the state. This is a result of the high quality of teachers and teaching, an excellent curriculum, and the supportive families who make education a priority for their children.

Acton-Boxborough Regional High School

Post Secondary Education - The ABRHS class of 2000 was comprised of 310 members, 94% of whom are planning to pursue some sort of post-secondary education. Of these, 87% will enroll at four-year schools, while 7% will continue their education at two-year colleges and technical schools. Consistent with what appears to be a national trend, 99 seniors (31% of those applying) submitted Early Decision or Early Action applications.

Standardized Test Results - Average SAT scores for 2000 seniors again exceeded those of state and national populations. This is significant since 98% of A-B students take the SATs, compared to the state average of 78% and the national average of 44%. Our average combined score for the SATs was 1200.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation - Twelve members of the Class of 2000 achieved semi-finalist recognition; 42 others received letters of commendation.

National Honor Society - Eighty-three members of the senior class (23%) distinguished themselves by entrance into the National Honor Society.

National World Language Honor Societies - In 2000, forty-three ABRHS students qualified for membership in local chapters of the National Latin, French and Spanish Honor Societies.

National, Regional, and State World Language Competitions - One ABRHS student placed nationally in the National Spanish Examination; forty-six other students placed statewide. Six ABRHS students placed nationally in the National French Contest; four other students were state finalists. Two ABRHS students placed at the summa cum laude level of the National Latin Examination; two others placed at maxima cum laude.

Academic Decathlon Team - In its 11th year of competition, this team of nine regulars and twenty alternates placed second in the Massachusetts State Championships, which were held in March 2000. A total of sixty Massachusetts high schools competed. State medalists included Candice Wei (Math), Andrew Lim (Math, Economics), Maria Konnikova (Math, Literature, Speech), Lindsay Howie (Math, Music, Interview, All-Around), Drew Houston (Economics, Math, Speech, Essay), Alex Kuo (Math, Speech, Essay), Tristan Foley (Social Studies, Essay, All-Around), Jacob Braun (Economics, Speech, Essay), Karen Doleac (Music). The team is coached by Andy Crick.

Mathematics Team - In the 1999-2000 season the A-B team finished third in state-wide competition. Six students were finalists in the state Mathematics Olympiad Exam - Ray Perlner, Maiké Geng, Yang Yang, Jen Hom, Alex Kuo and Drew Houston. Also, ten students were finalists in the nationally-administered Annual High School Math Exam - Ray Perlner, Maiké Geng, Mark Brigham, Jacob Braun, Alex Kuo, Solomon Moshkevich, Andrew Lim, Jen Hom, Jesse Colman and Drew Houston.

Science Team - Students on the Science Team in the West Suburban League are challenged to solve scientific problems with creative solutions. Topics ranging from genetics to mechanics are explored in a teamwork setting. A-B came in 1st place at the Massachusetts State Science Olympiad in the 1993, 2nd in 1994, 1st in the Regional Finals in 1995, and 1st in the region in 1999.

Science Mentoring Program - The Science Mentoring program, which is in its ninth year, seeks to generate more interest in science by acquainting students with possible careers in science and by showing them some practical applications of the science they are learning. The 1999-2000 Science Mentoring program consisted of six programs and covered a wide range of topics from biotechnology to forensic science. The programs were held in the science lab area of the high school on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Sports - During the 1999-2000 school year, athletic participation continued to rise to a level of 1185 students involved (7-12). The fall season was very successful as the football,

golf, field hockey, boys soccer, girls soccer and swimming and diving teams all qualified for post-season tournaments. Once again, the football team was the Dual County League Champions and representative of our league in the Super Bowl. A Dual County League championship was won by the girls field hockey team. In the winter, our student athletes continued to excel as boys ice hockey, girls ice hockey, boys basketball, boys alpine ski, boys indoor track and girls basketball all qualified for post-season play. Our boys swim and girls ice hockey teams won the highest honor by achieving State Championships. Boys swim, boys indoor track and boys alpine ski teams all won Dual County League Championships. Our spring season saw great success as girls softball, girls lacrosse and girls tennis teams represented Acton-Boxborough in the M.I.A.A. tournaments. Members of the boys and girls track teams did well in the all-league competitions. Once again, Acton-Boxborough Regional High had a tremendous athletic year.

Proscenium Circus - Members of Proscenium Circus displayed remarkable talent and determination as they continued their fine tradition of outstanding dramatic performances despite being displaced from the high school auditorium, due to renovation, for a majority of the school year. Over 120 students participated in the performances of the Fall Play, "Devour the Snow," the State Play, "Metamorphosis," and the Musical, "West Side Story." In addition, there was a terrific class play competition, won by the senior class.

Peer Leadership Program - Peer Leadership had a most successful 1999-2000 with over fifty students - a number that has increased exponentially as the scope of peer leadership has evolved. The peer leaders facilitated an alcohol/drug awareness program in Acton's elementary schools, led social development programs at the Junior High and attended a professional non-user conference in Ashland. The group also participated in such community service as washing dishes at local community suppers.

The School Newspaper - *The Spectrum* has continued to pursue stories of national as well as local interest. Whenever possible, national relevance is attributed to local stories. The front page of the *Spectrum* is now dedicated to stories of greater impact on adolescent lives in general. The editors believe that, as journalists, their most pressing responsibility is to provide readers with as much timely and relevant information as possible. The editors are considering adding a Health section in order to keep abreast of current trends in the medical and public health fields.

The Literary Magazine - The Student Literary Magazine produced and published two issues, incorporating a variety of student writings and art work. A contact was held prior to each issue with separate categories for artwork, poetry and short stories to generate submissions. This has proven to be highly successful and will be continued in subsequent years.

Student Internship Program - Twenty juniors and seniors participated in the program. Each student is assigned to a staff member within Town Hall or the school system. Several worked with state legislators.

Harvard Model Congress - Seven juniors (Erin Cox, Drew Houston, Joseph Magner, Alexandra Nothorn, Nirupam Sinha, Kerri Thompson and Kevin Wu) represented ABRHS at this four-day government simulation. Their participation was generously underwritten, in part, by the League of Women Voters Acton area.

Girls State - With the support of the Maynard Emblem Club, Ariel Lelchook attended the week-long state government simulation held at Bay Path College.

Job Shadowing Week - About 90 students made one-day career exploration visits to a variety of work sites beginning in November. This program owes its success to the participation of local businesses.

Senior Community Service Day - On May 5, the Class of 2000 spent the day working on volunteer projects in and around Acton and Boxborough. Before the seniors began their projects, they were served breakfast at the school by the faculty and administration. This was the sixth year that the senior class organized a Senior Community Service Day.

Survey and Research Activities - In order to gather information to assess school programs and plan improvements, school personnel conducted and analyzed several surveys during the year. One recent graduating class and all students new to the school system were surveyed in the fall, and the senior class was surveyed in the spring. Faculty members were also surveyed at the end of the year to provide information that is used to evaluate programs and set priorities.

Community Service Activities - ABRHS received two grants which were used to enhance the school's community service program. A Community Service Learning grant (through the Massachusetts Department of Education) funded curriculum-based service projects and professional development for staff. A grant from the Corporation for National Service was used to organize over two dozen service projects around Martin Luther King Day and to encourage year-round volunteering by students.

(Following are the two speeches selected to be given at the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School graduation in June, 2000. The inclement weather prevented full justice from being given to the speeches; therefore, they are presented to you here.)

Picking Up the Pieces

by

Laura Phipps

When I was a very little girl, I had many, many toys, but the one that stands out in memory more than any other is a certain jigsaw puzzle. It was a beautiful garden scene, a very simple pattern, but it was nearly impossible to piece together. There were too many pieces, and the picture was too intricate, and I was always too busy to devote the time necessary to finish it. Then, some of the pieces got lost, and the puzzle never looked quite right.

Now imagine this: Acton-Boxborough's Class of 2000 entered this school four years ago as one 332-piece freshman puzzle, all the pieces intact and perfect, molded to each other to create one complete picture. And, as time went on and each of us matured in our own way, our shapes changed, and the place where we used to fit in the puzzle didn't fit anymore. The space that used to be tailored just for us was now too small, or just the wrong shape. So we spent the next four years recreating our niche, reshaping and rearranging ourselves to complete the picture, hopefully a little better than before.

And, of course, through all this self-molding and shuffling about, our tender puzzle suffered. The saddest moments undoubtedly came when pieces of our puzzle left us. We lost very special and important pieces; people that can never be replaced. But luckily for the rest of us, we are left with the memory of those pieces, and we will never forget how they fit into our lives to make a more beautiful and complete picture of our class. We also gained new pieces, pieces that were never there before. I myself was one of those new pieces, and struggled to find a place for myself in your puzzle. However, in the true spirit of our class, we have welcomed new pieces into our world, in hopes that they, too, would add to the Big Picture. Those new pieces can never fill the places left empty by the others, but they add to the beauty and uniqueness of our completed puzzle.

Looking out on our complete class, I am more than a little regretful that I didn't know some of these faces better. Sadly, I was only given two years to discover the 311 unique pieces that make up our class, and that is simply not enough time to learn everything about each and every one of you. However, it was enough time for me to appreciate this class and all it has done, to stand in awe of the obstacles overcome and the sense of unity and family that presides over our class. I sincerely doubt that anywhere in the world will there be another class as talented, as motivated, or as undeniably prepared for the next step as the one that we belong to.

So now, after four long years of construction, our puzzle that we have been so faithfully building has taken its final shape: We are the Class of 2000. Now that the common goal of completing our puzzle has been achieved, we must take the next

step, and this is the most difficult part. For now our common cause is gone, and it seems we must disassemble this puzzle that we've worked so hard on and move on - alone.

We will be separated, and we will have to face a new world that will require us to draw from the most important lesson we can learn from being a member of this prestigious puzzle. No matter what direction we are carried in for the next step of our life, we will be asked to do as we have done at Acton-Boxborough: Adapt; make the puzzle more beautiful with your unique piece. No other piece will be exactly like you, and no other piece can dictate how you should mold yourself to fit in, but we will all take our position in a new puzzle. This puzzle will be even larger and more tricky to put together, but the end result will be worth the strain, as the Big Picture will be that much more beautiful and complex. And the 332 of us have an advantage over the rest - We know how to do it!

No matter how much our shape has changed since freshman year, and no matter how different we seem to be, each of our pieces has one identical side. You see, regardless of the directions we run to in the coming weeks, months, and years, one thing remains constant: We will always be Acton-Boxborough's Class of 2000, and that is a legacy we should all look to with pride and dignity. Now I present to you, ladies and gentlemen, Acton-Boxborough's Puzzle of 2000, a beautiful and intricate work of dedication and compassion, a class ready to carve a new place for itself and make another magnificent puzzle - this time one that the world will see.

Familiar Shores and New Harbors

by

Leslie Shenson

I have always experienced a powerful sense of balance when I am on the beach. It has been my refuge; the place I have felt most comfortable and yet, I never feel the same emotional or physical experience. I feel the simplicity of the wind against my skin and the magical power of the outspoken surf. They help me to understand how our lives are a part of an intricate connection of life's cycles. It moves forward, retreats and returns again, with or without our intervention. Our lives are so small next to the vast ocean, but the rhythms of life's energies are the same. "To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven."

The beach continues to be the place I know myself best - the one place where I can conquer the world, when my world has disappointed me. The ocean contains a constant set of cycles that are ongoing. Regardless of how our lives may seem - they will perpetually change. The ocean has ingrained a sense of empowerment within my spirit, and left me humbled by the strength of its potential. It taught me I can be strong and that I have the ability within me to reach out to the person I can become.

Elementary school was a dim exploration of the beginnings of intellectual understanding and a timeless connection to the friendships that will bind me forever to another season which I will never touch again. It was safe and seemed untainted. My sense of wonder was inexplicably linked to my sense of liberation and childhood ignorance. I was unencumbered enough to think that life would never change. The world was my oyster. For seven years, I was able to learn and grow in a loving and nurturing environment. Playing in the sand, I was naively unaware of the expansive ocean and the dangers beyond my immediate world.

Junior High rolled in and suddenly I realized there was more to life than what I had experienced in elementary school. It was time for responsibility, credible grades and situations with which I was unfamiliar and unprepared. Slowly, I learned and grew. Just when I began to feel comfortable with my place, the place shifted. The realization of the changing tide was formidable. I changed states, schools, friends, familiarity - and oceans. My comfort zone was alternated along with my climate zone. It was time to move on — and I was petrified.

Each new educational accomplishment is represented through various rites of passage. The journey to each new strata of achievement is not without cost. The many opportunities to excel have been tempered by a realization of what can be lost. Each new challenge in high school has been a reflection of recurring hopes and fears, but through a more searing lens of life experience. My emotions were stronger. Life was more intense. Experience had taught me to learn and grow from the natural forces, but as waves can approach, so can they crash upon the shore with relentless turbulence. I was learning not to take the good times for granted.

With time, the waves calmed as we started to make new friends and have new experiences. It was tougher for some than others, but eventually, we all found the places in which we could safely tread.

On January 31, 1998, our world was rocked in ways we could never have imagined. By the deaths of Sarah and Dan, our utter anguish permeated every piece of normalcy. Every emotion we had ever felt came crashing down like a tidal wave. We were lost in the current, alone and afraid. The class of 2000 was forced to cope with truisms. Absolutely nothing made any sense.

Unlike the ocean, we are not timeless. Life suddenly had a beginning, a middle and an end. We had gone from wading knee deep on the shore, to adrift within ferocious and unmerciful waters. We collectively struggled for the safety of explanations. In a matter of two days everything changed.

Slowly, through our search for answers, we learned to see our lives as palettes of colors which are like never-ending rainbows over the water. Although our time is limited, our colors

will live within the hearts of those who love us. "If we don't change, we don't grow. If we don't grow, then we aren't really living." What we have experienced, few others our age can understand. Through tragedy, we have developed the depth of character to go on — to see the colors and always remember, as we face our lives.

Something was different. We were different. Everything was different. We no longer frolicked within the age of innocence, but in an ageless nexus of friendship, self-knowledge and appreciation. Sarah and Dan's deaths enabled us to unify without barriers, limits or petty judgments. Through the tragedies, we arrived together in ways we could never have imagined; we changed, we grew and we began to understand our impact on the people around us. We will never forget the friends we held so close in our arms and always precious in our hearts.

Today, we graduate, not only from high school, but to a higher level of self; we have played in the sand and been tested by the waters. We have now reached a new beach which once seemed so far away. As we enter college, another ocean awaits us; new experiences, new ambitions and new horizons. "It doesn't matter where your journey starts . . . Like the ocean from the shore," may we continue to reach out. We are the navigators of the future. The ocean sets our course, and our souls lead the way through the palette of colors that forever guide us.

THE PERFORMING ARTS

Many exciting activities took place throughout our elementary schools. Each of our schools held a number of class plays/musicals and choral/band concerts in addition to their weekly music learning experiences in the classroom. In addition to the traditional concerts, the band performed in the Acton Memorial Day Parade, which has become a wonderful tradition for our band program beginning in grade 5 through 12.

At the R. J. Grey Junior High School the Band and the Chorus both participated in the Great East Music Festival held at West Springfield High School in June and represented our community exceptionally well. We had twenty students selected to perform in the concert band, orchestra or chorus at the MMEA Northeast Junior District Music Festival held in March.

The Acton-Boxborough Regional High School Music Department traveled to Great Britain where the Concert Band, Jazz Band, Concert Choir and Madrigal Singers performed in London and Stratford Upon Avon, England; Cardiff, Wales; and Edinburgh, Scotland. It was truly a special experience for our students. Our Band and Chorus continued to reach out to our community as they performed at numerous events throughout the community, including West Acton's Oktoberfest, Mt. Calvary's Senior Luncheon, the Lion's Club Tree Sale and the Acton Memorial Day Parade. Proscenium Circus's presentation of "West Side Story" continued the fine tradition of outstanding

musicals they have performed in the past number of years. We had eighteen students selected to perform in the concert band, chorus and orchestra at the MMEA Northeast Senior District Music Festival held in January. Four of these students went on to perform in the All-State Festival.

THE VISUAL ARTS

Acton-Boxborough Regional High School students received nine awards, and R. J. Grey Junior High students took six awards at the state level of the highly-competitive Globe Scho~~l~~astic Art Awards. Three high school students also received awards (including a best of show award) in the new fantasy art contest sponsored by Arisia, which is New England's largest speculative media convention.

A collection of 22 photographic images created by students in the photography program were presented to the N.E.A.S.C. visiting committee as a welcome gift and as samples of student effort and accomplishments in the visual arts. The high school art club met once a week throughout the year. Art club students designed and are completing a mural for the high school library.

Jenn Kodis, a photo major at Rhode Island School of Design and a recent Acton-Boxborough graduate, was a visiting artist who spoke with students in the Advanced Photography class at ABRHS. This was the second year that Jenn returned to A-B to speak to photography students.

Seventh- and eighth-grade students had the opportunity to participate in an after-school art club which met once a week. Art Club students constructed clay sculptures of fish and other aquatic life to put on permanent display in the fish tank in the RJG foyer. The Art Club also painted several wall murals in the school and completed a mural on photosynthesis that was used by a science teacher in his classes. Eighth-grade students made field trips to the DeCordova Museum and the Peabody Essex Museum to support units in the art and social studies curriculums.

Kaji Aso, an instructor at the Museum School in Boston, invited the eighth-grade art teacher to send student work to a show held at Joshibi University in Tokyo. (Joshibi is a women's art school.) Twenty-five pieces of student art work from R. J. Grey were included in this exhibition. Mr. Aso has been a visiting artist at R. J. Grey, doing demonstrations in calligraphy.

Throughout the school year, student efforts and accomplishments in the Visual Arts program were exhibited in each of the systems' seven schools and in the system-wide gallery at R. J. Grey. Student art work appeared regularly in the Lamplighter and various school newsletters. For a second year, junior high students' art work was featured in the AB Blueprint "Art Gallery." A kindergarten student's drawing graced the cover of the Kindergarten Handbook, and a high school computer graphics

student designed a logo for EDCO which was used for the organization's fall 2000 conference in Boston.

During March, the work of 13 elementary students was exhibited at the "Youth Art Month" Show at the Worcester Art Museum. Conant, Douglas, Gates and Merriam Schools were represented. Student art work from Douglas and Gates was included in a traveling art exhibit, "Works in Collage," that was shown at multiple sites during the school year, including the Massachusetts Superintendents' and the Massachusetts Principals' Conferences. The exhibit was sponsored by the Massachusetts Art Education Association.

As part of Acton's Earth Day celebration, elementary students from Conant, Douglas, Gates, McCarthy-Towne and Merriam Schools drew Earth Day illustrations on 500 paper grocery bags from local supermarkets. The bags were used in the respective supermarkets the week preceding Acton's Earth Day celebration. Merriam's and McCarthy-Towne's 5th- and 6th-grade classes designed and produced large-scale cardboard stick puppets for a parade during the annual Earth Day celebration. Art teachers worked with Earth Day Committee member Charlotte Sagoff on these projects.

Merriam and McCarthy —Towne students created art work that was sold at each school's respective fundraising auction. Merriam students painted floor cloths, and McCarthy-Towne students made animal figurines.

At the high school, an art teacher collaborated with a biology teacher to write an article describing an art/biology unit they co-taught. The article has been accepted for publication in a professional education journal. Five junior high and elementary level art teachers attended the Massachusetts Art Education Fall Conference in Hyannis. An elementary art teacher made a presentation, "Rubrics in the Elementary Art Classroom," at the National Art Education Annual Conference in Los Angeles in April.

The Visual Arts Department Director attended two "Distinguished Scholars" seminars during the summer: one on assessment, in Chicago; the other in San Francisco on curriculum. The seminars were sponsored by the National Art Education Association.

TECHNOLOGY

The schools continue to make rapid progress in the acquisition and implementation of the use of technology throughout the school districts. The network (ABnet), which was installed in the summer of 1995, is now fully implemented. The network was greatly expanded as a result of the acquisition of a large grant from 3Com Corporation. The Liberty Challenge Grant that was awarded in the spring of 1996 allowed the districts to augment the network design to incorporate the latest technologies throughout the districts. Boxborough's Blanchard School

has also been connected to the network. Nearly 1,000 computers reside on the network.

Many other grants and school-business partnerships from NEC Corporation, Sun Microsystems, Compaq, PowerSoft, APC, VST, Cisco, Simmons College and the State of Massachusetts have enabled the Districts to augment the support of the local communities. This support has allowed the districts to develop a significant technology infrastructure.

The Department of Education of Massachusetts designated the Acton Public and Acton-Boxborough Regional School Districts as Lighthouse School Districts. This honor was awarded for exemplary use of technology in the schools. Teachers from dozens of communities throughout Massachusetts have visited our schools and taken courses and workshops with the technology staff in order to help them achieve similar success in their school districts. The staff has also made a number of presentations at state Technology Conferences.

Teachers, students and administrators are regularly using the network for electronic mail, research, collaboration and guided exploration of the vast resources on the World Wide Web. The districts have established their own web site: <http://ab.mec.edu>. The site is continually upgraded and provides valuable information to students, citizens of the communities and other interested parties.

Many teachers have developed classroom home pages to support the curriculum in their classrooms. Some of the pages are updated weekly so that students and parents can keep abreast of the weekly homework assignments.

Several educators are developing and using 'Webquests' to support their curriculum. 'Webquests' are carefully guided lessons and units of study that direct students to appropriate sites on the Internet. Examples of 'Webquests' can be found on the districts' web site.

Students are involved in a number of the efforts that have been briefly described above. They are assisting in configuring hardware and software, helping with the development of web pages, and solving technical problems.

Students are exposed to a wide variety of technologies throughout their school career. They use computers for writing, research, problem solving, publishing, multimedia, creative endeavors in art and music, and telecommunications. Nine Macintosh computer labs and one PC lab provide students with outstanding facilities to work in large group settings.

Libraries are equipped with computers, a Library Automation System, CD-ROMs, Laser Disk technology and the network for student research and other curriculum-related work. Many staff members take advantage of these resources to enhance curriculum presentations.

Our districts are participating with seven other school districts and other strategic partners in the development and implementation of an exciting Virtual Education Space (VES). This statewide program will be rolled out in a three-year plan. Year one will be made available to all educators in the state; year two will provide VES to all students in the state; year three will provide VES to all parents in the state. The districts have been awarded a grant that has allowed us to create a Faculty Externship for eighteen months for the program. The Extern will assist the districts in the implementation of this exciting program. Interested citizens can learn more about this program by going to the following: <http://www.ves.mass.edu/portal.html>.

Technology staff members actively participate on two citizen committees. Citizens Technology Advisory Committee (CTAC2) advises the administration and school committees on matters related to the use of technology in the schools. The Joint Technology Advisory Committee (JTAC) is a committee of citizens and employees who make recommendations relative to the use of technology in the town and schools and what, if any, economy of scale could be achieved by cooperation in the area of technology by the schools and the town government. Citizens that would like to learn more about either of these committees should contact the Office of the Superintendent.

The technology staff has worked closely with the staff, administration and architects to develop and implement an outstanding new infrastructure in the three school building projects. The result will be a truly state-of-the-art infrastructure when the projects are complete.

SUMMER SCHOOL

The Acton-Boxborough Summer School runs a four-week elementary and six-week secondary program for students of Acton, Boxborough and the surrounding communities. All classes are held at the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School. The program is entirely self-supporting and offers a broad range of courses. While many students take courses for remedial purposes, more than 50% of the classes are elected for enrichment purposes. In 2000, 363 students attended the Summer School; 103 students, or 28% of the total enrollment, were from other school districts. The program is headed by director Niki Velej, who oversees a staff of 15 certified teachers and 9 aides.

K-6 courses: Reading, Mathematics, Language Arts (Writing Skills)

7-12 courses: Pre-Algebra, Elementary Algebra Part I SP, Algebra 1 CP, Algebra I AE, Geometry CP, SAT I and II Math Review, Junior High English, English 9/10, English 11/12, Writing Skills, Creative Writing, SAT I and II English Review, Biology, Earth Science, Chemistry, French I, French II, Spanish

I, Spanish II, U. S. History, World History, and Physical Education.

OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT

The Office of Development is now in its sixth year of providing system-wide service. This office was established in response to the growing need to seek additional funding as a supplement to the appropriated budget. In addition, the Office of Development helps to coordinate the activities of the Faculty Externship Program.

The Acton Public and the Acton-Boxborough Regional School Districts, together with their many partners, have been responsible for the creation of highly-entrepreneurial achievements in curriculum and instruction, community education, professional development, services for children with special needs, school-to-career initiatives and transportation of students, to name only a few. They have also established strong and supportive partnerships of trust with the greater learning community - businesses, higher education, social service agencies, museums, chambers of commerce, and other public school districts, as well as parents and students. It is, therefore, a central goal of the Office of Development to create a seamless alliance among the many constituencies in the learning community. In doing so, a new synergy is generated and thus becomes the basis upon which supplemental funding is procured.

Grantsmanship: In response to the growing need to seek alternative and supplemental funding, grantsmanship activities continue to grow within the Office of Development and our individual schools. The Grant Writer's responsibilities include the establishment and development of new relationships with individuals, private businesses, foundations and corporations, as well as state and federal government agencies which may become potential sources of supplemental funds.

Faculty Externship Program: Since 1989, the Faculty Externship Program has provided a unique and alternative professional development opportunity for teachers and administrators. Teaching professionals in the workplace are discovering not only the basic skills, but the thinking skills and personal qualities sought by employers. It is a model for education-business collaboration and winner of the MA Board of Education's Exemplary Partnership Award in 1990. For the 1999-2000 school year, one of our elementary school district staff worked in a challenging assignment in educational software development at The Learning Company in Westborough, MA.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Community Education office is located in the Acton Professional Center at 409 Mass Ave. Its staff organizes, staffs and directs the following programs and activities.

Day and Evening Classes: More than 1,000 classes are offered yearly for children, teens and adults. Classes and other programs are listed in INTERACTION, the Community Education catalog which is mailed four times a year to over 20,000 area homes. More than 11,000 persons enroll in classes each year.

Extended Day Program: Serving 225 Acton Public School families and 79 Boxborough families, Extended Day offers quality before- and after-school care for children in grades K-6.

Preschool Program: Located at ABRHS, the Community Education Preschool is the laboratory for the Child Development course. Completely funded and staffed by Community Education, the Child Development/Preschool course awards 7 credits toward graduation. Preschool has a total enrollment of 52 (24 three-year-olds on Tuesday and Thursday; 28 four-year-olds on Monday, Wednesday and Friday). The Preschool is certified by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

All Day Kindergarten Program: Community Education administers the business affairs of the All-Day Kindergarten program at Douglas, Conant, Gates, McCarthy-Towne and Merriam Schools.

Summer Day Program: The Summer Day Program, located at the Community Education modular at Conant School, offers three two-week sessions of summer activities to more than 300 children in grades 1-6. Also provided are two Preschool summer programs for four- and five-year-olds, vacation programs (offering enrichment activities and day care during school vacations), and many short sport clinics.

Youth Basketball League: Offering 16 weeks of coaching, practice and league play to more than 700 boys and girls in grades 3 and up, the league is staffed with more than 100 paid and volunteer coaches, timers, and referees. Community Education runs clinics for referees at no charge.

Driver Education: Community Education runs a Registry-approved driving school, offering classroom and on-road training to 280 students annually. We also provide an instructor training course.

Pool & Field house Programs: Located at ABRHS, the Pool & Field house Program consists of family open-swim and open-gym times for basketball on the weekends. Also offered in this facility is a full Red Cross Swim Program on Saturdays during the school year and Monday - Friday for eight weeks in the summer, as well as school year and summer swim teams.

Community Education also conducts classes and schedules drop-in times for the public in the Fitness Center at ABRHS.

Scheduling of School Fields: Little League, Pop Warner and Youth Soccer, as well as individuals, businesses and community organizations, receive permits for school field use through Community Education. Fees charged are returned to the school facility department for field maintenance.

Scheduling Use of School Buildings: All evening and weekend use of the seven school buildings is scheduled through Community Education.

Community Education receives no funding from the School Districts or Town and runs all programs on a self-sustaining basis. Moneys are returned to the following for use of space and equipment - AV, Business Education, Director of Technology, Physical Education Department, Art Department, Facilities, and the Central Office. For more information about Community Education and the programs offered, call 266-2525.

FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION

In addition to normal maintenance procedures, the School District was involved with numerous summer time projects. At the Conant, Douglas, Merriam and Gates Elementary School there were substantial upgrades to the electrical service and distribution within the buildings. Douglas School also had a new fire alarm system installed.

The High School installed a new communication system, as well as an intellikey security system on several doors. Work continued throughout the summer on the addition/renovations to the R. J. Grey Junior High School and the new construction of the Twin Elementary School. The Acton sewer project construction was started at the campus sale during the summer. The pipes were installed which will be used to service the schools in fall of 2001..

IN CONCLUSION

This report demonstrates that the Acton Public Schools and the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District are complex organizations. Nonetheless, the districts possess a clear mission and vision. They are fortunate to possess a dedicated staff, who make a habit of constant self-reflection and, as resources allow, of renewal.

Our students, teachers and administrators continue to perform at high levels - academically, athletically, artistically, personally and professionally, and so the Acton Public and Acton-Boxborough Regional School Districts maintain a reputation which attracts people to the communities and to our schools. It is our intention to continue to provide the best possible education to the communities and to seek continued financial and moral support for this very important endeavor.

The Towns of Acton and Boxborough have a great investment in the schools since the schools serve the communities' youth and adult populations through public schooling, Community Education, and as a center for community activity. That is a win-win situation for both the towns and the schools which we want to maintain for the future.

Isa Kaftal Zimmerman retired on June 30, 2000. She served as Superintendent of the Acton Public and Acton-Boxborough Regional School District for seven years, and was committed to providing the best education possible for our students. She was especially instrumental in bringing our schools into the computer age, and was recognized state-wide for her initiatives in this area. In addition, under Dr. Zimmerman's leadership, the schools embarked on a much-needed building/renovation program, K-12, which will serve Acton and Acton-Boxborough students far into the future.

Bill Ryan was appointed Superintendent of the Acton Public and Acton-Boxborough Regional School District in February of 2000 and began his new duties on July 1, 2000. Bill has served as Assistant Superintendent of Schools and had served in a variety of administrative roles in Acton-Boxborough since 1975.

William Ryan
Superintendent of Schools
on behalf of the School Committees

MINUTEMAN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Massachusetts and National Student Achievement

Eight Minuteman students received medals, including National First, Second, Third and Fourth Place at the 14th Annual National Robotics Competition held at the campus of Robert Morris College of Engineering in Pennsylvania. More than 196 teams representing more than 700 students from 19 states competed in robotics skills events, hosted by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. The students demonstrated their application of classroom knowledge into real-world activities as they competed in various contest categories. In addition to the contest events, the students were able to learn from each other as well as from the engineering professionals who attended and helped judge the competitions.

Seventeen students from Minuteman were award recipients at the state's 26th Annual SkillsUSA/Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) State Skills & Leadership Conference held recently at different locations throughout Massachusetts. More than 850 students from 39 schools competed in 65 competitions demonstrating their competence in their technical area, or in leadership areas such as extemporaneous speech and job skill demonstrations. Minuteman had a total of 39 students competing against the top students in Massachusetts. Of the 39 students competing, 17 were Medal winners: 6 gold, 7 silver and 4 bronze. Four gold medallists competed in the national VICA competitions held in Missouri and three of them were ranked in the National Top Ten in the subject areas. Nicholas Arone of Watertown won 7th Place National Rank in Collision Repair Technology and Matthew Wing of Acton and Michael Perez of Arlington both won 5th Place National Team Rank in Robotics and Automation Technology.

Nine Minuteman students competed in the Massachusetts Vocational Math League and finished first and second in the statewide competition.

Minuteman ranked second in statewide MCAS scores in English and Science and third in math among the state's 29 technical high schools.

District-wide Student Achievement

- 93% of the Class of 2000 graduated into either college or employment in their field of study.
- Numerous graduates earned scholarships including the Massachusetts Environmental Scholarship for 4 years at University of Massachusetts, Math & Science 4 year scholarship to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the Christian Herter Scholarship for 50% tuition to Northeastern University.

- 100% of dental graduates passed the National Dental Board examination.
- 100% of cosmetology graduates passed the state board examination.
- 100% of child care graduates were fully certified by the Office for Child Care Services.
- All health graduates achieved 100% placement in either college or a job in their field.
- Retail Marketing graduates achieved 100% placement in either college or marketing field.
- Culinary Arts graduates achieved 96% placement rate with 13 of 23 enrolled in college.
- Two annual Drama Club major productions: "Twelve Angry Jurors" and "Bone Chiller!" and school wide poetry and art contests.
- Numerous athletic achievements including: Boy's basketball. Commonwealth Conference co-champions in Division 4; Boy's baseball league champs in Division 3; Hockey Commonwealth Conference league champs in Division 3; First round state tournaments in Girl's soccer (Division 3); Girls basketball (Division 3); and Boy's soccer (Division 3).

Overall School Highlights

- "Best Automotive Program" award from the Massachusetts Industry Planning Council.
- New and/or updated college articulation and advance credit agreements with numerous top colleges in 26 different career areas.
- Opened first-in-the-state Pennzoil Quick Lube station focused on education, customer service and entrepreneur opportunities.
- Veteran head football coach William Coughlin inducted into High School Football Hall of Fame.
- The admission of out-of-district "Choice students" has ceased due to the inadequate level of state-defined tuition and the additional assessment burden placed on district communities.
- Reached agreement with the City of Cambridge and the Town of Watertown to begin enrolling higher level tuition students while maintaining an overall enrollment base that allows Minuteman to continue one of the most powerful sets of career-focused pathways in the nation.

Middle School Technical Literacy Program

Another Minuteman partnership is the middle school technical literacy program. The school is currently working with teachers in six district middle schools, assisting them to develop and incorporate technology education into their curricula as well as providing technology instruction in support of important and necessary computer skills.

Minuteman staff began the planning process to extend and expand this valuable service to other district towns. The strengthening of the middle school service can become a very important help to member towns in fulfilling requirements of the new Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks on technical literacy.

The popular After-School Program, which provides hands-on career and academic enrichment opportunities for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in the district, is offered without charge (including transportation) to district schools.

These two programs are financed by the Minuteman school budget.

Establishment of a Pre-Engineering Academy

Opened in September 2000 with a full enrollment, this rigorous, first-in-the-state college preparatory program is designed for academically talented, technically oriented students who plan to matriculate to a competitive technical college or institute upon graduation from high school. The focus of the technical component is in Pre-Engineering technology. Academic and technical curricula meet or exceed all MCAS standards.

Industry and college partners joined Minuteman to develop this modern pre-engineering program which will add to Minuteman's many high technology career path options. Now students interested in the high tech careers of tomorrow can prepare for advanced college study and technical training in any of these areas: biotechnology, environmental technology, telecommunications, electromechanical technology, computer drafting and design, and now pre-engineering.

Recognition of Automotive Academy

The Minuteman Automotive Academy was selected by the National Automotive Youth Educational Systems program as a site for high level career learning in the field. Dalmer Chrysler, General Motors, Toyota, Volkswagon, the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), college partners and others work with Minuteman in providing exciting career opportunities across a broad spectrum from advanced technician to management specialist to automotive engineer.

Acton Enrollment at Minuteman

As of October 1, 2000 there are 41 regular students plus strong use of the middle school and afternoon programs for a total full time equivalent of 93.40 students. Improved communication procedures are being explored to ensure that more residents gain information on all of the technical and college articulation options available through Minuteman.

Minuteman Regional School Committee

Charles Olmstead of Acton
Mary Ann Gleezen of Lancaster
Paul Schlichtman of Arlington
Jane Pagett of Lexington
Joseph White of Belmont
Sally Bobbitt of Lincoln (Secretary)
Robin Pekins of Bolton
Jeffrey Stulin of Needham (Chairman)
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James Ford of Carlisle
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Frank Gobbi of Dover
Michael Dowd of Weston

**MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATION TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPERATING FUND
COMPARISON OF BUDGET TO ACTUAL
"FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2000"
(UNAUDITED)**

	FY 99 ACTUAL	FY 00 BUDGET	ACTUAL/ ENCUMBERED	TRANSFER/ RECEIPTS	AVAILABLE
REVENUES					
ASSESSMENTS	7,026,613	7,075,956	7,075,956	0	0
CHAP 70	2,251,920	2,307,758	2,307,758	0	0
CHOICE 95	0	0	0	0	0
TRANS CH. 71	499,366	731,109	731,109	0	0
CHOICE	1,599,116	1,155,497	1,155,497	0	0
OTHER	25,379	273,024	273,024	0	0
APP SUR	0	87,551	87,551	0	0
TUITION	1,721,432	1,718,071	1,718,071	0	0
TOTAL	13,123,826	13,348,966	13,348,966	0	0
EXPENSES					
BLDG TRADES	95,704	102,960	94,628	-722	7,610
COMM SERV	16,872	20,350	19,431	-905	14
ELECTRONICS	37,806	82,255	98,041	2,156	-13,630
GRAPHICS	63,253	87,792	74,164	7,274	20,902
HEALTH INSTR	26,731	27,700	23,547	252	4,405
METAL FAB	39,913	41,108	39,076	122	2,154
POWER MECH	17,424	19,400	18,569	1,501	2,332
TECHN	76,642	78,550	80,352	924	-878
AFT PROGRAM	10,871	11,870	10,225	-1,625	20
REG OCCUP	4,930	4,930	5,591	0	-661
SPEC TRADES	30,472	30,888	30,327	0	561
SAFETY	15,012	15,290	15,762	0	-472
COMMUN	37,382	38,752	39,544	725	-67
HUMAN REL	22,689	22,750	21,813	-400	537
MATH	50,691	52,760	53,458	485	-213
SCIENCE	71,627	63,750	69,787	-561	-6,598
PHYS EDUC	6,067	8,850	6,814	0	2,036
ATHLETICS	96,859	108,830	105,886	-390	2,554
BUS INSTR	6,469	5,025	2,502	0	2,523
FOR LANGUAGE	20,909	20,000	19,244	0	756
ART	11,342	11,425	701	0	10,724
MUSIC	230	420	402	0	18
DRIVER ED	0	10,000	0	0	10,000
INSTRU RES	71,111	79,405	82,805	929	-1,871
PUPIL SUPP	56,717	52,601	49,535	-260	2,806
PRINCIPAL	106,971	106,100	92,205	2,775	16,670
VOC CO-ORDN	8,519	7,650	7,641	0	9
COMPUTER SERV	9,621	32,800	26,002	0	6,798
DEAN	3,520	4,120	2,715	-718	687
DIST PROG	47,663	50,300	49,823	360	837
LEGAL FEES	63,383	37,000	29,725	0	7,275
AUDIT FEES	31,000	32,500	33,000	0	-500
SUPERINT	3,438	3,549	3,339	0	210
PLANN/ACAD	46,588	47,000	49,907	22	3,115
BUSINESS OFF	14,509	20,875	16,468	279	4,686

EXPENSES	FY 99 ACTUAL	FY 00 BUDGET	ACTUAL/ ENCUMBERED	TRANSFER/ RECEIPTS	AVAILABLE
RISK	118,475	144,400	122,198	130	22,332
RET/EMPL BNFT	984,634	1,113,769	1,085,777	11,078	39,070
TRANSP	827,176	934,791	913,258	0	21,533
CAFÉ	7,750	9,400	8,588	-1215	-403
OPER & MAIN	885,634	889,553	756,650	23,691	156,594
EQUIP PUR	423,425	110,079	116,212	10,718	4,585
DEBT MANG	0	0	0	0	0
SALARIES	8,489,045	8,807,419	8,850,954	45,178	1,643
TOTAL	12,959,074	13,348,966	13,120,066	101,803	330,703
EXCESS REV	164,752	0	288,900	101,803	330,703



Digging for the Twin School.
Picture by Anne Dietterich

ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Following several years in which the library was faced with many challenges related to the expansion project, 2000 has been relatively. The staff turned its attention from dealing with the many unique problems presented by the construction project to a renewed emphasis on improving the level and quality of service to the library's patrons.

To take advantage of the new public space provided by our large meeting room, the trustees and staff decided in 1999 to initiate a series of artistic and literary events. The visual arts program was particularly successful in 2000, bringing jury selected art of very high quality to the town. The jury, with representation from the Acton Memorial Library Board of Trustees and the Acton Boxborough Cultural Council, found outstanding artists who exhibited a broad range of two and three-dimensional art. Exhibitors in the meeting room were:

January	
Susan Huszar	photographs
February	
Wayne Geehan	children's book illustrations
March	
Beth Surdat	painting on silk fabric
April	
James McGowan	paintings
May	
Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators	illustrations
June	
Wendy Young	paintings
July/August	
Council on Aging	paintings
September	
Jeanette Staley	collages
November	
Kay Rosenberg	mixed media, collages
December	
Andy Newman	paintings

In addition, Mary Craig McLean showed a group of her sculptures, "The Women of Callinish, and Linda Hoffman exhibited cut wood and gold paint sculptures titled, "The Heart of the Maple" throughout the library.

Mary Craig McLean's work was so popular that a subscription drive was successfully run to purchase one of her works, "The Story Teller," for permanent display in the library.

In addition to use by programs, the library's meeting spaces, both the large meeting room and smaller conference room, were heavily used throughout the year. Community groups and town boards and committees used the spaces a total of 248 times in 2000, with English as a Second Language (ESL) groups meeting an additional 110 times. Library-sponsored uses brought the total usage to almost 450 times in 2000. Such heavy use is evidence of the need that this additional meeting space is helping to meet.

In November the Children's Department was pleased to have installed a lovely piece of stained glass art titled, "'Come Read with Me,'" showing two young readers and the wonderful adventures they can experience through books. The piece was designed by Marrienne Lazarus and executed by Sunny Sandock. Funding was provided by the Acton Boxborough Cultural Council and the Friends of the Acton Libraries.

For the tenth year, funds collected during the Acton Memorial Library Foundation's annual appeal continued to supplement the regular library budget. Since its inception, the Foundation annual appeal has averaged about \$25,000 per year. Initially much of this went to support Sunday opening of the library. Now that Sunday operation has been reinstated in the budget, the found Foundation continues to fund the purchase of relatively expensive, but uniquely valuable additions to the collection such as custom reprints of books, books on genealogy and books on tape. The Foundation also added \$29,000 to the Town of Acton Library Endowment Fund, which was started in 1998, bringing the total in the fund up to about \$230,000. In memory of Ellen Swenson, the long-time treasurer of the Foundation, the Foundation board members purchased a bench, which has been placed in the entry lobby of the library.

The friends of the Acton Libraries continue to provide important support to the Memorial Library. Their used book sales continue to be popular with the proceeds going to, not only the Memorial Library, but to all the school libraries and the West Acton Citizens' Library.

The Trustees want to thank the dedicated and talented staff for their outstanding work and our patrons for their strong support. We hope the library is meeting the needs of all of Acton's citizens, and welcome your suggestions on how we can better.

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WEST ACTON CITIZENS' LIBRARY

During the year 2000, the West Acton Citizens' Library has continued to add new and exciting books to its collection and has continued to welcome an impressive number of new patrons. For our youngest patrons, there are marvelous new books in the children's area. For the adults, new fiction and non-fiction books have been added to the shelves at a regular pace, with both bestsellers and the sometimes neglected "sleepers" appearing on our readers' reserve lists. For those patrons who are fans of the spoken word, the library received this year, as a gift from the Library Auxiliary, many new titles in audio-book form. With generous contributions from two local groups — the West Acton Merchants, Business & Professional Organization and The Friends of the Acton Libraries — the Citizens' Library bolstered its collection of large-print volumes. Many of these books travel each week with volunteer Ramika Shah to residents of Windsor Green.

Through gifts from the Library Auxiliary and the Suzi M. Pomeroy Memorial Trust Fund, the library is able to offer passes to the Discovery Museums of Acton, the Orchard House in Concord, Fruitlands Museums in Harvard, and the EcoTarium in Worcester.

In March, the Library Auxiliary and the Suzi M. Pomeroy Memorial Trust Fund hosted Massachusetts author William Martin. Despite an evening of cold and bitter rain, a good-sized audience turned out to hear Mr. Martin speak about his most recent book, *Citizen Washington*.

In May, the Auxiliary of the Citizens' Library held its annual fair and, in October, celebrated Oktoberfest with its West Acton neighbors by holding a book sale and open house.

The Citizens' Library continues to provide children ages two to five years with an outstanding reading and activities program. Taught by Annette Lochrie, the Tot Time Reading Program fills the Citizens' Library on Monday mornings and afternoons with children eager to enjoy books and story-related songs and crafts.

Since a great many of the Citizens' Library patrons are fans of the mystery genre, it seemed only natural that a group would gather to form a Mystery Book Club. Under the guidance of Charles Jenkins, this group, which meets on the fourth Monday evening of each month, has presented its readers with a unique format — instead of all members reading the same book, one author is selected for each meeting, and each member reads a different book by that author.

The smooth, uninterrupted operation of the library on a daily basis is guaranteed by the many volunteers who tend the circulation desk, sort and shelve books, and deliver books to those house-bound patrons requesting this service. On any day, patrons entering the library will be greeted by one or more of several regularly scheduled volunteers. Thanks go to Lyril Ahern, Diane Bleau, Marjorie Brody, Trudi Carson, Barbara Cowley, Corinne Merkh, Stephanie Parker, Marge Root, and Jo-Anne Spurr.

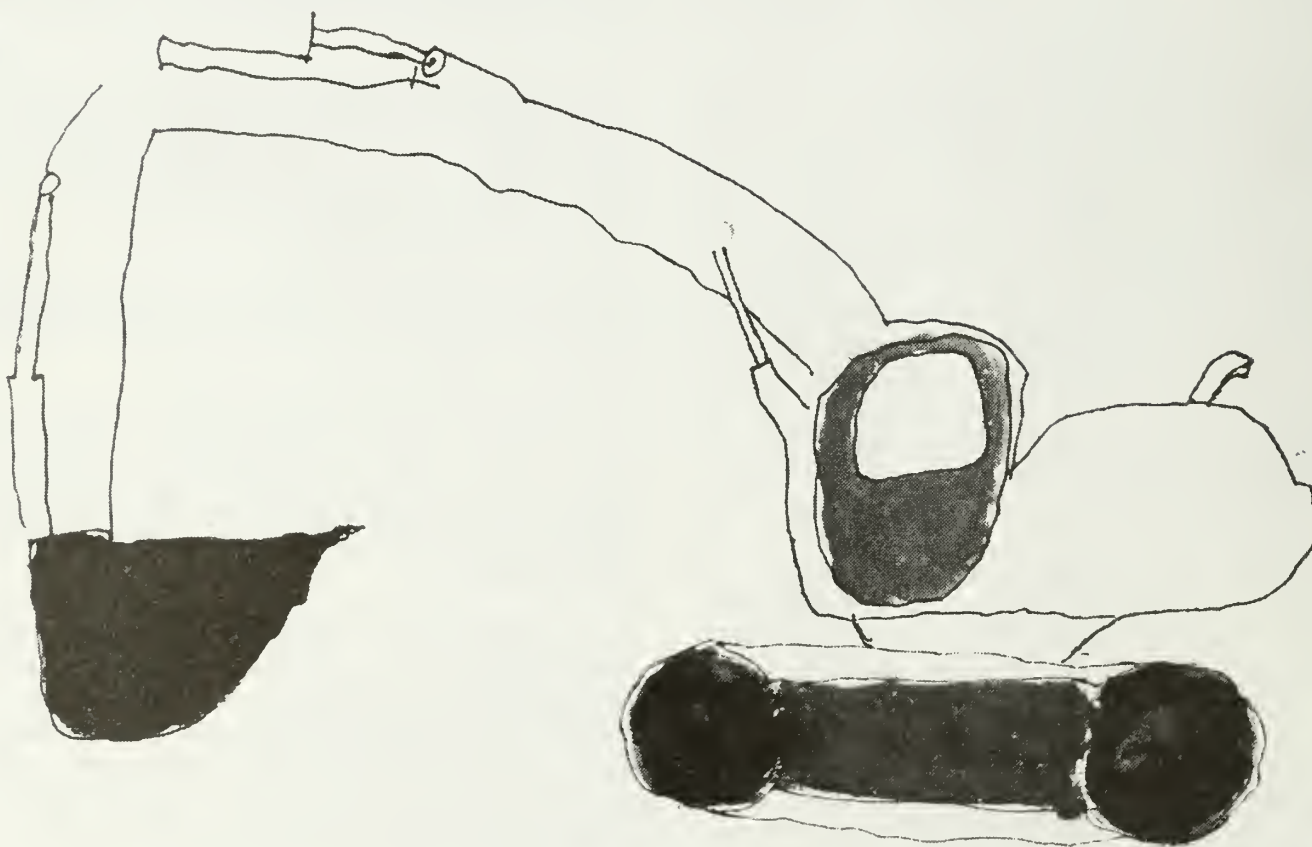
The Citizens' Library is small, but an amazing number of books fill every available niche. If you have not yet visited the Citizens' Library, please stop by and see all that this library can offer.

Trustees

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The Big Digger for the Twin School

CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

ACTON/BOXBOROUGH CULTURAL COUNCIL

At its November 13, 2000 meeting, the Acton/Boxborough Cultural Council (ABCC) voted to grant \$9,915.00 to individuals and organizations offering arts-related programs to the Acton and Boxborough communities. This amount represented our full allocation from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC). A sampling of this year's grant recipients includes the local elementary schools for a wide variety of arts enrichment programs, the Acton Memorial and Albert J. Sargent Memorial Libraries for storytelling and educational/entertainment events, Go For Baroque for classical chamber concerts, The Discovery Museums for the staging of a modern adaptation of a Russian folktale, and artist Cynthia Durost for the development of a video documenting her work with seniors.

The Council met with great success in producing two major events at NARA Park this past summer. The first was the presentation on June 24th of the acclaimed contemporary dance ensemble Hoi Polloi with choreographer Sara Sweet Rabi-doux. More than 500 people enjoyed a stunning program which offered a wide variety of moods and styles, including the world premiere of "Nonpareil" On August 12th, the ABCC presented an outstanding performance by the West African group Bamidele Dancers and Drummers, followed by a participatory drum and dance fire circle orchestrated by Earth Drum Council. This event attracted over 700 people of all ages and backgrounds who came together and shared a truly extraordinary experience. The Drum and Dance program was funded in part by a \$1,000 grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

At its April 2000 Town Meeting, the Town of Acton approved an allocation to the ABCC of \$5,000.00 for ongoing expenses for the fourth consecutive year. In addition to sponsoring the two events at NARA Park, this year the ABCC has applied these Town funds to the following projects:

- 1) Purchase of a sculpture for the Acton Memorial Library
("Storyteller" by Acton artist Mary McLane) \$500.00
- 2) Seed money for a video walking tour of the Acton Arboretum created by the Commission On Disabilities for individuals with disabilities \$1,000.00
- 3) Sponsoring an original play, concert and puppet performance in celebration of the Acton Area Earth Day Celebration \$780.00

Similarly, the Town of Boxborough voted for the third year to allocate \$1,000.00 to the Council. In Boxborough, the Council sponsored a one-woman dramatization on the life of Harriet Tubman presented by Historical Perspectives at the Blanchard Elementary School auditorium on March 26, 2000. At the annual Grange Fair in September we presented musician and educator Gray Spelissey and a performance by the Harvard Community Band.

We continue to solicit feedback from the community through questionnaires and by hosting periodic community input meetings. The Council welcomes ideas and feedback submitted by residents of the Acton/Boxborough community at any time.

In summary the ABCC has taken great strides in 2000 to become an integrated part of many facets of cultural programming in Acton and Boxborough. In addition to acting as a presenter, we hope to continue to expand our role as facilitators, advisors, and organizers in helping to promote high-quality arts and cultural opportunities for the citizens of Acton and Boxborough.

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CELEBRATIONS & CEREMONIES COMMITTEE 2000

The year 2000 was a very exciting year for Celebrations. We started the year by observing the 225th anniversary of Isaac Davis leading the Minutemen in their march on April 19, 1775. On Patriot's Day, over 1,500 Boy Scouts and citizens participated by following the Minutemen as they retraced the Isaac Davis Trail to the North Bridge in Concord.

The Memorial Day parade was very successful again this year with bands from the schools, Minutemen, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Little Leaguers and veterans marching in the parade. Capt. James Lee, USNR Retired was the Grand Marshall and a large crowd joined in the observance at the end of the parade in West Acton.

Independence Day was celebrated for the first time in the new NARA Park. A very large crowd attended and was entertained by the Maynard Community Band and fireworks. All of these events were successful due to the efforts of individual volunteers and civic minded groups that pitched in to help us commemorate the heritage and history of our country. The Acton Minutemen continue to take the lead in participating in our celebrations along with the members of the Civil Defense. Both of these groups deserve a big Thank You from the Town for their contributions.

The Celebrations and Ceremonies Committee needs your help in planning and producing these important celebrations. Acton citizens have been actively involved in shaping the history of our country from the Acton Minutemen in 1775 through veterans that served in the Persian Gulf. We need your support to help perpetuate the memory of the contributions and sacrifices they have made for our country. Please join the Celebrations and Ceremonies Committee and add your talents to our celebrations.

Charles H. Jones,
Acting Chairman

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2000

In fulfilling our sworn duties to protect our town's three historic districts through Acton's historic district bylaw, the HDC received twenty-five applications and seven amendments to prior applications. We are pleased to report that four outbuildings, three additions, two fences, and several smaller projects were approved. Overall, twenty-seven approvals were issued—seventeen as Certificates of Applicability and ten as Certificates of Non-applicability. The single denial was for a parking lot.

In other commission business, the commission advised several homeowners regarding the compatibility of their future projects to their homes and to the districts. The commission reviewed proposed historic district bylaw changes and held a public hearing on the same.

Michaela Moran, Chairperson
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Acton's Sewer Project
Construction Along River Street.
Photo: Belle Choate

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TOWN REPORT 2000

In 2000, the Cable Television Advisory completed the renewal of the Cablevision license (now transferred to AT&T). We also continued our work as a consumer advocate, processing several consumer complaints and obtained assistance for consumers in reaching resolution of installation and service problems with Cablevision. We continue to do this when it appears that Cablevision/AT&T is not meeting the terms of its license.

The previous Cablevision license expired in June 1998. We allowed Cablevision to operate under a series of interim licenses that we granted while we continued to negotiate the best possible renewal terms for the Town and for subscribers within the Town. We did not, under current law, have the option of refusing to renew the license or to seek another cable company (as many citizens in Town asked us if we could) as a replacement for Cablevision. But we did have the ability to negotiate terms of the new license that would be as beneficial to the town as possible. The renewal license we negotiated and that the selectmen signed provides significant improvements in the number of channels and other services for subscribers, and provides for a completely new institutional network serving Town Government and Town and Regional Schools.

This license and terms will be assumed in their entirety by AT&T when it takes over the operation of the cable system in January 2001. Now that the Cablevision contract is renewed, the committee's work for the year 2001 will include oversight, together with the Joint Technology Advisory Committee (JTAC), of the build of the new institutional network (INet) and other terms of the new contract. We also expect to be negotiating a contract with RCN to finally provide a competitive choice for Acton cable subscribers.

Relative to the INet, the Cable Committee's responsibilities are limited to making sure that AT&T meets the obligations of its license. The license dictates that AT&T will provide connections that meet the performance levels required by the license. The JTAC is working to develop an understanding of the Town's end user applications requirements and how the INet might help them meet those requirements. The JTAC is working to understand the present and future requirements of the Town's end users so as to ensure that the INet is built to be able to support those end users. Once the INet is built, the town will have to pay for changes to the INet. As AT&T's INet build proceeds, it is important for the JTAC to examine the architecture of the INet and its optical interfaces so as to take full advantage of the INet in coming years.

Many citizens have asked us about when Internet access will be provided via the cable network. Under current law, Towns are not able to dictate what services Cablevision will provide. However, Cablevision and AT&T have assured us that cable modem service will be offered as soon as the transfer to AT&T is complete. By the time this report is printed, we hope this to be the case.

The Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month, and would welcome one or two additional members to assist us with our work this year and in the future. If you are interested, please contact the Volunteer Coordinating Committee. We would also like to thank Pete Robinson for many years of service to the committee, and welcome Donald Lane, Stewart Gilmore, and Rob Burnham as new members, as well as Brandy Brandon, whose term begins in 2001.

John Covert, Chairman
Rob Burnham
Terra Friedrichs
Steward Gilmore
Laura Hirsch
Donald Lane
Scott Wieder

FENCE VIEWER

The duties of the fence viewer are contained in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 49, Section 1-20, inclusive. This law pertains to the need for partition fences on property lines of adjoining improved parcels of land used for agricultural purposes (primarily the keeping of livestock). The appointed fence viewer for the Town reports no activity in such partition fences for the year 2000.

Although this is now an archaic position, several general questions concerning fences are answered each year. Residents should keep the following facts in mind when planning to erect a fence:

1. Section 5.3.1 of the Town's Zoning Bylaw limits the height of walls and fences in yard setback areas to no more than eight feet.
2. Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 49, Section 21, determines when certain fences may be deemed a private nuisance and should be consulted when there is a question concerning a spite fence.
3. Section E39 of the Town Bylaws provides that when erecting a fence fronting on a public way the fence should not encroach within the public right of way without a written license from the Board of Selectmen. Assistance in determining the location of this right-of-way line is generally available from the Acton Engineering Department.
4. The installation of a fence does not normally require a building permit; however, erecting a fence in a Local Historic District will usually require a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Acton Historic District Commission.

I can be reached during the day at 264-9628.

David F. Abbt, P.L.S.
Fence Viewer

HANSCOM FIELD ADVISORY COMMISSION (HFAC)

The HFAC was created by an Act of the State Legislature in 1980, and consists of members of the abutting towns, other affected towns (Acton is in this category), Massport, associated Federal agencies, business interests at the airport, and various other organizations and citizen groups with an interest. The minutes and membership list are on the file at the Acton Library.

The following statistics reflect flight activity and noise complaint comparisons between 1999 and 2000. All noise monitors were in operation for the full year, though it should be pointed out that they also register natural noise such as birds and crickets which may land on the monitor. No unusual noise events were detected during the year. The monthly and annual Noise Reports are on file in the Acton Library.

	Flight Operations	Night Operations	Avg. Noise Level	Noise Complaints
1999	197,302	1,622	112.9 dB EXP	3,672
2000	214,250 (est)	1,881 (est)	113.5 dB EXP (est)	11,000 (est)

The Hanscom Field operating deficit experienced in past years continued on a somewhat reduced level. The 1998 deficit of \$1.6 million was reduced to \$1.47 million in 1999 and will again be less in 2000.

Controversy concerning the shuttle America operations continued in 2000. As a result of the Aviation Investment and Reform Act-21, both Shuttle America and USAirways applied for approval to open new service between Hanscom and LaGuardia Airport. Shuttle America started this service in 2000.

The FAA began construction of a new control tower for completion in 2001. The current control tower is 1940s vintage.

In May HFAC members met with a few of the local area State Legislators to discuss ideas for improving HFAC'S ability to have more impact on Massport. The Legislators advised against any attempt to make legislation changes. All agreed that an area transportation study is needed.

The Air Force did not hold an Open House in 2000.

In 1999 Corporate Aviation Center, LLC announced a plan to build a new 40,000 square foot hangar and 92,000 square foot office building, replacing two old hangars on the field. In 2000 this plan was withdrawn.

Massport announced plans for 2001 to refurbish the passenger terminal and repave the parking lot. After much consideration, HFAC advised that the lot be a pay-to-park lot, which will mean a reduction in total parking spaces.

Massport will repave runway 5/23 in 2000/2001 and will expand the airfield garage to hold more sand. New hangars will be built by the current hangar owners to replace some of the older and smaller hangars. Raytheon announced plans to vacate their Hartwell Road hangar facility on December 31, 2000. The Navy owns the land and facility and has not announced any plans for it.

Richard B. Rippere

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (EDC)

The Economic Development Committee is an advisory committee to the Board of Selectmen charged to encourage commercial development in Acton as expressed in the 1998 Master Plan Update. In the Master Plan Update residents expressed a desire to encourage re-development of under-utilized commercially zoned land and buildings, allow more "small-town" style businesses, high-tech office space, and family-oriented restaurants. A clear message was sent to not allow "big-box" retail stores, and to make any new retail developments pedestrian friendly and village-like, in keeping with Acton's historic character.

In the past year the EDC, has worked closely with the Acton Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen, our local State Representative and State Senator, and Town Staff to meet several of the Economic Development goals of the Master Plan.

At Annual Town Meeting the EDC supported the Planning Board in presenting a comprehensive revision of the Table of Principle Uses, which was passed, and included new uses such as Bed and Breakfasts, Golf Courses on Residential Land, and Commercial Education (private schools). In addition some uses which were similar to one another were combined under one name to reduce the complexity of the Zoning Bylaw. Limits were placed on the size of retail stores to 60,000 square feet maximum usable floor area, approximately the size of the existing largest store in Town. Voters also approved the creation of two new zoning districts-- 1) Powder Mill, located on Knox Trail, and on Route 62 with the intersection of High Street, and 2) The Technology District, which includes the WR Grace property and several commercial properties off Lawsbrook Road. Some parcels scattered throughout town were incorporated into existing appropriate districts.

Residents also passed an article to petition the Legislature to allow the Town to form an Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (EDIC). This bill is being supported by Representative Cory Atkins and Senator Pamela Resor. When it gets the Legislative approval the Town will be able to create an Economic Development Plan and form a public/private corporation which will be empowered to carry out that plan pending Town Meeting approval. This could include purchasing available parcels and development them in accordance with the town's goals, rather than leaving it to market forces.

Thanks to the work of the Selectmen and the Town Staff, an abandoned lumber yard on Route 27 in North Acton is being redeveloped into an Assisted Living complex. A proposal has been submitted to develop the DiDuca farm property on Route 2A into a retail shopping area. The EDC submitted comments which were generally supportive of the proposal, taking into consideration that with proper traffic-mitigation, environmen-

tal protections, and screening from nearby residences, it represented desired shops residents wanted to see in Town.

In the interest of improving town/business communication, a speaker was brought in from the Concord Business Partnership to discuss how the Concord Business Partnership had been very successful in improving the town/business relationships in the town of Concord, and the benefits of implementing such a plan for Acton.

The EDC continues work on the Technology District regulations, in anticipation of redevelopment of the WR Grace Superfund Site when the clean-up is complete. The EDC is preparing a Mixed Use Development option to present to the Planning Board.

Goals for next year include improving communication between businesses and Town officials, revisions to the Technology District zoning, follow-up on EDC legislation and the corresponding Economic Development Plan, developing a marketing brochure to attract business to Acton, and improvement of our committee's outreach to Acton's citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

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METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) is the regional planning agency representing 101 cities and towns in the metropolitan Boston Area. Created by an act of the Legislature in 1963, it serves as a forum for state and local officials to address issues of regional importance. As one of 14 members of the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), MAPC has oversight responsibility for the region's federally funded transportation program. Council membership consists of community representatives, gubernatorial appointees, and city and state agencies who collaborate in the development of comprehensive plans and recommendations in areas of population and employment, transportation, economic development, housing, regional growth, and the environment. The 25-member elected Executive Committee meets 11 times a year. The full Council meets three times a year. Meetings are held at various localities throughout the region.

MAPC works with its 101 cities and towns through eight sub-regional organizations. Each subregion has members appointed by the chief elected officials and planning boards of the member communities and is coordinated by the MAPC staff planner. The subregions meet on a regular basis to discuss and work on issues of local concern. Acton, Bedford, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Hudson, Lexington, Lincoln, Littleton, Maynard, and Stow are member communities of the Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC) subregion. Most community representatives are elected officials. This year, MAGIC

- hosted two very successful, well-attended breakfasts with legislators from the region;
- participated in the development of the new Regional Transportation Plan, the main document that will determine transportation investments and funding until 2025, by reviewing the region's existing conditions, policies, and growth management options;
- launched the "MAGIC Carpet" study of alternative transportation opportunities in the subregion's eleven communities.
- discussed the implications of potential growth as shown by buildout analyses completed by MAPC in four MAGIC towns (Lincoln, Hudson, Acton, and Stow);
- hosted a workshop on Conservation Subdivision Design, a model study completed by MAPC on an innovative land use technique to preserve land while accommodating development; and

- reviewed Developments of Regional Impact, including Brookside Shops in Acton.

MAGIC has a direct voice in transportation planning and project selection via its Bedford representative, Selectman Gordon Feltman, who serves on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

In its work with communities on an individual basis in the subregion MAPC led a visioning session with Boxborough officials, board members, and citizens to help them prepare for the arrival of Cisco and other major developments. MAPC also worked with the Town of Maynard to secure funds to initiate a local shuttle service.

I-495 Initiative

The MAGIC communities are part of the I-495 Initiative, a partnership of local officials, business leaders, and others affected by growth along the I-495 Corridor. The Initiative is a joint project of MAPC and the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative with funding from the Massachusetts Office of Business Development. This year the Initiative held its third Annual I-495 Conference, bringing in the Secretary of Transportation as keynote speaker; kicked off a new I-495 Institute for Local Officials in cooperation with the University of Massachusetts; and worked on other water, sewer, and transportation solutions designed to enhance the Corridor's business competitiveness while protecting its quality of life.

Legislative

Working with state legislators, MAPC defined the parameters of a statewide road and bridge construction program under Chapter 87 of the Acts of 2000. The legislation will help to secure a more stable funding source and insure an annual \$400 million statewide road and bridge construction program. MAPC also played a key role in shaping and insuring the passage of legislation that reformed the funding of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. Similar efforts this year led to the passage of the Community Preservation Act and reform of the Commonwealth's Zoning Enabling Act.

Buildout Analysis Projects

MAPC is continuing its work with local communities on buildout analysis throughout the region. The Executive Office of Environmental Affairs has funded this two-year long effort and has contracted with MAPC to complete a buildout analysis for every city and town in the metropolitan region. The purpose of the study is to create an approximate "vision" in quantitative terms of the potential future growth permitted and encouraged by a community's bylaws. If the level or type of potential future development shown in the buildout analysis is not consistent with the community's goals or vision for the future, the residents may choose to make appropriate changes to the

regulations. Many of the communities in the MAGIC subregion have had their buildout analysis completed during this past year. By the end of June 2001, every city and town in the region will have had its buildout analysis completed and publicly presented.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Planning Department staff consists of the Town Planner, the Assistant Planner, and a part time secretary. In April, long time Assistant Planner Donna Jacobs moved on to a new challenge in Framingham. In September, Kristin Alexander joined the Department as new Assistant Planner. She came with a master's degree and several years of prior municipal planning experience in South Carolina and Virginia. The Department supports the Planning Board in its work and duties and from time to time assists other boards and committees. In 2000, planning staff worked with the Economic Development Committee and the East Acton Village Planning Committee. In addition, the Department worked with the ad-hoc Fiscal Impact Study Group in an effort to ascertain the effects of residential development on municipal finances. All planning functions and duties are carried out under the direction of the Town Manager.

The Selectmen appoint the Planning Board. The Planning Board has nine members; two of them are associate positions. In 2000, the existing officers were re-elected. Christopher Tolley was re-elected as Chairman, Patrick Halm as Vice-Chairman, and Ken Sghia-Hughes as Clerk. The Planning Board generally meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7:30 PM in Town Hall, Room 204. Meetings are posted on the Town Hall bulletin board and are open to the public.

The Planning Board reviews and decides on proposed subdivisions of land under the parameters of the Massachusetts Subdivision Control Law (MGL Ch. 41, S. 81K-81GG). In addition, the Board serves as a special permit granting authority under the Massachusetts Zoning Act (MGL Ch. 40A) and the Acton Zoning Bylaw. The Planning Board strives to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Acton's residents, and to preserve the integrity of Acton's character. The Board issued three special permits (one commercial sign, one common drive, and one new wireless phone tower), approved three preliminary and two definitive subdivisions, and denied five preliminary subdivision plans. In addition, 22 ANR Plans (Approval Not Required under Subdivision Control Law) were approved. Overall, the Board approved the creation of 33 new residential lots, less than half the number created in 1999.

The Board of Selectmen appointed the East Acton Village Planning Committee. Under Planning Board oversight, it will study East Acton and craft a specific area plan for the village in East Acton and its surrounding areas that is consistent with the

Master Plan. The committee may recommend zoning changes and public facilities improvements in support of the planning goals. The committee hopes to report its recommendations in 2003. Assistant Planner, Kristin Alexander provides staff support to the Committee.

With funding approved by a previous Town Meeting, the Department hired a traffic-engineering consultant to conduct a corridor study of Main Street between Route 2 and Brook Street. At year's end, this project is still ongoing. It will identify necessary improvements that would increase safety and ease traffic flow while being sensitive to the historic properties along the corridor.

The Acton Zoning Bylaw is the regulatory blueprint that affects the future use and development of land in Acton. It is the intent of the Planning Board that the Zoning Bylaw and any changes to it are generally consistent with the Master Plan. Working closely with the Economic Development Committee, the Planning Board presented numerous zoning proposals that the 2000 Annual Town Meeting adopted. The zoning changes resulted in the creation of the Powder Mill and Technology Districts, and extensive updates, changes, and additions to the land use regulations. In addition, the Zoning Bylaw was amended to include an option for senior housing developments in residential zoning districts.

The Planning Board reviewed and conducted a public hearing on proposed zoning changes submitted by a citizen petition. The proposed zoning changes were intended to reduce the number of buildable residential lots and to control the rate of residential growth. A Special Town Meeting called in April did not adopt these proposals. However, it passed a resolution instructing the Planning Board to revise the articles and propose its preferred version as warrant articles at a future Town Meeting.

Day to day operations in the Planning Department include managing the formal regulatory process for development proposals before the Planning Board. This involves meetings with neighbors and residents, negotiations with developers, coordination of project reviews, scheduling public hearings, and drafting decisions. The Planning Department manages the performance guarantees that secure proper completion of approved development projects. Department Secretary Karen Switzer-Neff oversees the bicycle lockers at the South Acton train station. She reported year round full occupancy of all lockers. Staff also continued work on the Assabet River Rail Trail.

Roland Bartl, AICP
Town Planner

Planning Board Members:

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Ken Sghia-Hughes, Clerk	Lauren Rosenzweig
Walter Foster	Greg Niemyski, Assoc.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The year 2000 was a very busy one for the Acton Recreation Department. Led by the Recreation Commission this department worked diligently to finish NARA Park and have it ready for the beach opening on Memorial Day. The NARA Park beach program saw over 680 families, 104 individuals, and 28 seniors utilize the beach and swimming facility over the course of 15 weeks of operation.

The NARA Youth Summer Program ran for nine weeks during its first season of operation, servicing over 317 children in grades 1-8. In addition more than 324 people participated in our fall/winter program and 489 in our spring/summer program. Program offerings varied this year from inline skating to toddler programs, skateboard demonstrations to the Tall Ships trip. Many thanks to all the volunteers and instructors who made all of these programs possible.

The Acton Recreation Department teamed up with many of the Youth Sports organizations in town to complete renovations at the Elm Street fields, turf improvements at NARA Park and Concord Road as well as the complete renovation of 2A/27 into a double Little League Complex. More than 3500 children now participate in some form of youth sport programs in the town of Acton making renovations like these critical to the long term survival of these sport programs.

The Acton Recreation Commission held it's first annual Winterfest celebration in February, despite nine inches of fresh snow falling the evening before. Many were in attendance to enjoy the chili cook-off, cardboard sled race, snow sculptures, bonfire and silent auction. Look for the second annual Winterfest celebration coming February 3, 2001 at NARA Park. In addition to special events the Recreation Department also sponsored a summer concert series, providing six concerts on Thursday evenings during the summer. The Recreation Department is now working to provide these concerts free of charge to the residents of Acton next summer.

As we look back on the accomplishments of the year 2000 we must also look ahead and realize all that is yet to be done. 2001 will prove to be a better even more productive year than 2000 was. Plans are underway to develop a skateboard park in town pending Town Meeting approval. In addition further field development and turf surface improvements as well as renovations to the Elm Street Softball field will highlight our work in 2001. We will continue to search for open space that can be developed into usable field space for youth and adult sport programs.

NARA Park will once again offer a 15-week beach program with plans underway to increase services to residents including the addition of kayaks and paddleboats. The NARA Youth Summer Program will expand to include a Counselor in Train-

ing program, boating program and the addition of new staff for 2001. New and expanded programs will be offered in our fall/winter and spring/summer program guides as we continually look to increase our services to the residents of Acton.

Lastly the Acton Recreation Department and Recreation Commission will continue to offer outdoor ice skating rinks, Winterfest celebrations, Halloween parties and will institute new community-wide special events in the year to come. Many thanks to the Recreation Commissioners for their continued hard work and support throughout the year 2000. It is the efforts of volunteers, commissioners, youth sport leagues, instructors and program participants that has made the year 2000 so successful and the year 2001 look very optimistic.

Recreation Commissioners
Laura Sikalis, Chair
Greg Catalano, Vice Chair
James Bray
Eddie Flannery
Mike McQueen
Allen Warner
Nancy McShea,
Recreation Director
Cheryl Ball,
Recreation Secretary

TAXATION AID COMMITTEE

Recognizing the need to help seniors on relatively fixed incomes meet the increasing property tax burden, the town passed several measures at Town Meeting in April 1999 that were implemented and expanded during 2000. Among these measures was the formation of a voluntary fund for tax relief for elderly and disabled citizens otherwise known as the Aid to Elderly and Disabled Voluntary Taxation Fund. Under state law, citizens are encouraged to donate to a fund that may be used to assist those that may have difficulty in meeting their property tax and other public obligations. During the year 2000, over \$10,000.00 was donated to this fund by generous Acton citizens.

Under state law, a committee was established to develop a policy for the disbursement of these funds. This committee, the Senior and Disabled Tax Aid Committee (STAC) is composed of five Acton citizens; Don Rhude, Chair of the Board of Assessors, John Murray, Town Treasurer, Peter Ashton, Selectmen, Carol Mahoney, and Nancy Gerhardt. The committee met several times during the year to develop a policy and procedure to guide it in granting requests from this fund. The policy and procedures are finalized near the end of the year, and the process initiated to inform likely eligible citizens that such assistance was available. In addition, a renewed solicitation was prepared to remind taxpayers of the need to replenish the fund in the coming year.

In addition, other forms of tax relief for seniors were made available through various programs administered by the Board of Assessors as well as the town's work-off program. The work-off program attracted 12 seniors who worked at various jobs for the town and in return received up to \$500.00 towards property tax relief. Seniors were employed in the Police Department, the Memorial Library, and various Departments in Town Hall. Seniors are also reminded that beginning in 2001 an additional tax credit will be available under the "Circuit Breaker" bill passed last year.

Peter Ashton
Don Rhude
Nancy Gerhardt

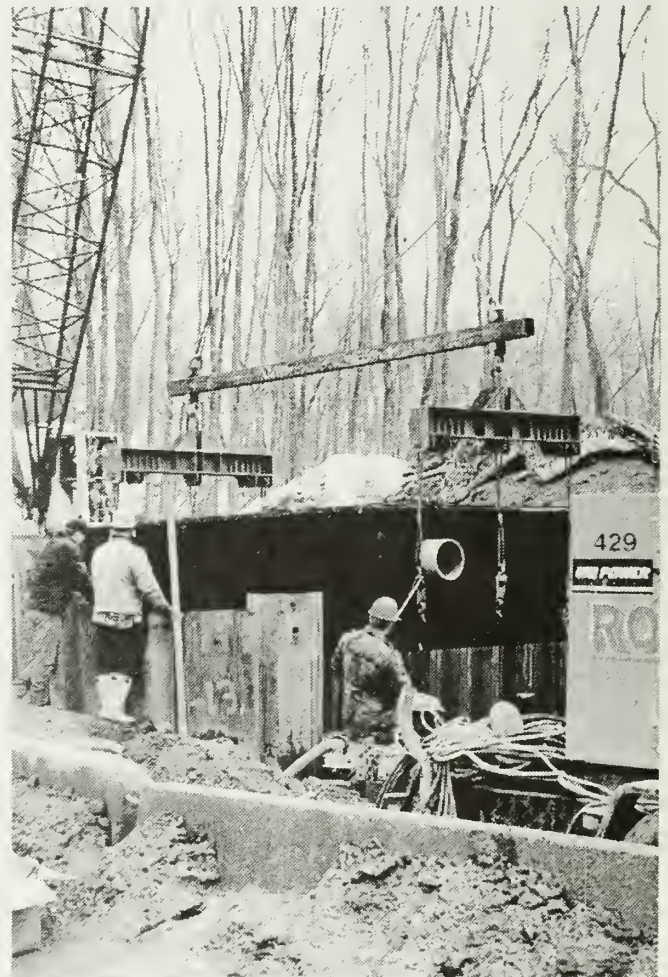
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Transportation Advisory Committee was re-established in 1998 to assist in the coordination of local transportation planning efforts, and to make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board regarding transportation issues affecting the community and surrounding region. Our activities in the Year 2000 involved a wide range of transportation issues reflecting changes in the community and opportunities to improve transportation services including:

- Reviewed proposed zoning articles submitted to the Town Meeting in April 2000;
- Monitored progress in the planning and development of the Assabet River Rail Trail bikepath and the Bruce Freeman Bike Trail;
- Developed a conceptual plan of bike routes to connect proposed bike paths and other town activity centers in response to the Master Plan Update;
- Reviewed the Expanded Environmental Notification Form and the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Reports for the Brookside Shops development and submitted comments on traffic impacts to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs and Board of Selectmen;
- Assisted in consultant selection and participated in workshops for the Route 27 Corridor Study;
- Participated in meetings on the Indian Village Traffic Study;
- Reviewed alternative concept plans for proposed reconstruction of the Route 2/Concord Rotary.

The TAC is looking forward to a busy year in 2001. We expect our activities will involve further consideration of design options for the Route 2 Rotary, discussion of transportation impacts of potential rezoning in Kelley's Corner and East Acton Village, and participation in ongoing discussions about future development and its implications for the character of Acton. We continue to believe that our town's transportation system should reflect its rural character, while accommodating future local and regional growth. The TAC meets the second Tuesday of the month and interested citizens are invited to attend our meetings.

Edward Gardiner
Ko Ishikura
Samuel Lawton
Renee Robins
Audrey Stuart
Arthur Wu



Lowering pump station in place.
Photo: Belle Choate

LOWELL REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

The Lowell Regional Transit Authority (LRTA) is one of fifteen regional transit authorities established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1974 dedicated to the mission of increasing the use of mass transit on a regional basis. Headquartered at the Charles A. Gallagher Intermodal Transportation Center in Lowell, the LRTA provided nearly 1.7 million passenger trips on their fixed route bus service in nine cities and towns in fiscal year 2000. Additionally, the mobility of elderly and disabled citizens is enhanced through the Council's on Aging and the LRTA Road Runner program providing more than 117,000 passenger trips in fiscal year 2000. The LRTA serves an area of over 300,000 population with an operating budget of more than \$6 million annually.

Working with the Acton Council on Aging (CoA), the LRTA provides both Road Runner and Council on Aging van service. Town residents aged 60 years and older or those who are disabled may avail themselves of van services that run five days per week. The LRTA provides curb-to-curb transportation service in Acton and surrounding towns on a 24 hours advance registration basis. All vehicles are fully accessible and wheelchair lift-equipped.

Many trip purposes can be accommodated: shopping, medical appointments, visits to the CES Day Care Center, Senior Center activities, social and recreational. The fare schedule is \$.50 one-way within town, and \$.80 one-way to Concord and Maynard. Road Runner service may be arranged by calling 1-800-589-5782 or 978-459-0152 and Acton CoA Van information is available at 264-9651.

The combined ridership in Fiscal Year 2000 was 9,415 passenger trips, an increase of 9.7% over FY 1999. Road Runner provided 4,394 trips, while the CoA Van accomplished 5,021 trips during FY 2000. Since February 1994, the Acton CoA, through the LRTA, has had the use of a 16 passenger, air conditioned, lift-equipped 1994 Ford EMC van. In October 1999, the LRTA provided an 11 passenger 1997 Dodge Maxi van as a replacement for the aging 1994 vehicle. The new Dodge Maxi van does not require a commercial drivers license and is therefore, more easily staffed. The LRTA Road Runner operates an 11 passenger 1995 Dodge Maxi van within the Town of Acton. New vehicles are acquired through the Commonwealth's Mobility Assistance Program, which provides 80% of the cost of the new vehicle, while the Federal Transit Administration provides the remaining 20% matching share.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Herskovitz
LRTA Advisory Board, Acton

PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENT

BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board heard requests for 12 Variances, of which five were granted, 7 denied and 1 withdrawn. There were three Special Permits requests of which all three were granted. Of the three requests for Petition for Reviews all three were upheld.

Nicholas Miller resigned this year as did Thomas Lemire. The Board of Selectmen appointed one new member and three alternates.

Cara Voutselas, Chairperson
David Black, Clerk
Jonathan Wagner, Member
Kenneth Kozik, Alternate
Richard Fallon, Alternate
William Sawyer, Alternate

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

New single family dwelling permits increased and residential additions and alterations dropped slightly. There were 69 new sign licenses issued in 2000, and 12 special event sign licenses for businesses. As part of the Board of Selectmen policy, 34 banners were installed and 14 permits for temporary A-frames for non-profit organizations were issued.

The figures for the estimated construction costs year ending December 31, 2000 are as follows:

New Residential	126	\$ 29,263,800
Residential Addition & Alterations	386	\$ 7,436,355
New Commercial Construction	3	\$ 30,300,000
Commercial Alterations	77	\$ 4,792,643
Demolition	8	\$ 19,000
Totals	600	\$71,811,798

Garry Rhodes
Building Commssioner

CEMETERY COMMISSION

The cemetery office, which is where the Commissioners meet at 2:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month, is located in the Kennedy Service Building on the grounds of Woodlawn Cemetery. Our office hours are from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. We are here to serve you and welcome your inquiries and/or comments either through a visit to the office or a phone call to 264-9644.

The Cemetery Commission is responsible for expenditures from the various cemetery trust funds, and oversees the operation and care of the three Town-owned cemeteries: Woodlawn, est. 1738, Concord Rd., Acton Center; Forest, est. 1750, Carlisle Rd., North Acton; and Mount Hope, est. 1848, Central St., West Acton.

The duties of the personnel of the Department of Natural Resources, Cemeteries, and Recreation include maintaining over 43 developed acres in the cemeteries, routine maintenance and major projects on over 1,500 acres of Conservation properties, as well as routine maintenance and major projects on the 64 acres of recreation areas. At the cemeteries, they construct all monument foundations, set flush markers, prepare and plant endowed flower beds, plant trees and shrubs; while maintaining the equipment on a year-round basis. They assist in the selection and purchase of lots, assist Funeral Directors, help visitors locate gravesites, and answer inquiries about rules and regulations. Prior to Memorial Day, they place a potted geranium and an American flag, both supplied by the Public Ceremonies and Celebrations Committee, at the grave of every known veteran. They also schedule memorial/funeral services and weddings/rehearsals at the Woodlawn Memorial Chapel, maintain the lot and interment records, and do their own billing and receiving.

WOODLAWN MEMORIAL CHAPEL

The Chapel was used for two funeral or memorial services and eight wedding ceremonies and their related rehearsals. Please accept our invitation to view the interior of the Chapel, by calling 264-9644 to arrange a time.

THE CEMETERIES

After winter and spring debris shed by the trees was picked up and sand from the roadways was cleaned up, the crew proceeded with Memorial Day preparations. Fertilizer and lime were applied and areas were over-seeded as needed at both Woodlawn and Mount Hope cemeteries. We continued the ongoing programs of pruning deadwood from the trees and of aggressively treating all areas where grubs have been causing turf damage. All shrubs at both Woodlawn and Mount

Hope cemeteries were trimmed in August. This year, it wasn't drought conditions that prevented us from pressure washing monuments, but the abundance of rain we received, which, while keeping the turf in fine condition, kept the crew busy on a continuous mowing cycle throughout the season.

The Recreation Dept. supplied the materials for the construction of two skating rinks at the Woodlawn Cemetery field on Concord Road, and one rink at the Elm St. field. The rinks are very popular.

In calendar year 2000, the sum of \$100,532 was paid to the Town Treasurer to be deposited as follows:

General Fund	\$29,487.00
Cemetery Land Fund	12,545.00
Perpetual Care Fund	58,500.00

George O'Clair was appointed to the Cemetery Commission in December 1997, to complete the term vacated by Edward R. Bailey, and reappointed to a three-year term in June 2000. It is with great sadness that we include in this report the notice of George's sudden death on December 9th. He was a good friend and a faithful and enthusiastic member of the Commission. We shall miss you George.

In conclusion, we would like to thank the members of the team that works so hard to keep your cemeteries in the best possible condition: Tom Tidman, Director of Natural Resources, Cemeteries and Recreation; David Lee, Crew Chief, and Nancy Howell, Secretary; Maintenance Men Harold "Rusty" Martin, Shawn O'Malley, Cleverson Rocha and Robert Merrill Jr., whose efforts are reflected in the appearance of the cemeteries, recreation areas and conservation areas; and seasonal workers Eli Forsythe, Brian Gaudette, Carl Chastain and Dave Nugent. In the final quarter of the year, Robert Merrill Jr. left the department. His position has yet to be filled. We wish to acknowledge the assistance we received from the Departments of Municipal Properties, the Highway Department, and the Water District.

Brewster Conant, Chairman
Donald J. MacLennan, Secretary

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

The Engineering Department provides the various Town boards, committees and departments with civil engineering and land surveying expertise. The Department also designs public works type projects and obtains the necessary permits and approvals for them, as well as providing supervision of the construction process. Development proposals submitted to the Planning Board are evaluated for compliance with their rules

and regulations and good engineering practice. Subdivision road construction is inspected for compliance with these plans. We also update the Town Atlas Maps and associated files for the Assessors.

The Engineering Department staff currently consists of David F. Abbt, P.L.S., Engineering Administrator (36 years); Dennis P. Ring, Engineering Assistant III (15 years); Corey S. York, Engineering Assistant I (6 years) and Karen L. Switzer, part-time Secretary (5 years). Eric K. Durling, P.E. is retained on an "as-needed" basis to provide professional engineering review of minor departmental projects. This year Mike Tajima was our participant in the Student Government Internship Program sponsored by A.B.R.H.S. At the end of this year Dennis Ring will be leaving the Town to pursue his career in the private sector. His talent, ability and enormous energy will be sorely missed.

The survey and design of new sidewalks on Town roads is a continuing project for the Department. This year we worked on the Central Street sidewalk from House #84 to Martin Street in South Acton. The plan is to continue this sidewalk from Windsor Ave to Willow Street next year. This will finally complete a continuous sidewalk from West Acton to South Acton along Central Street. We also completed a section of sidewalk on north Main Street between Ledge Rock Way and Northbriar Road, which included replacement of a 36-inch culvert under Main Street. Progress was also made on the Concord Road sidewalk. We completed the field survey work for the section of sidewalk from Minot Avenue to the Town Common. We will complete the plan this winter and continue construction work in sections next year. During the year we typically receive several calls from residents requesting sidewalks on busy streets in their neighborhoods. On the older streets in Town sidewalks are not easy to build. Stonewalls, steep shoulder grades, public shade trees, narrow culverts, wetlands and the lack of sufficient street right-of-way width are common obstacles to building sidewalks on colonial era roads. It also becomes more difficult when other residents object to the sidewalk, particularly if their cooperation is needed for additional right-of-way or easements. In spite of all the difficulties, the Town does succeed in constructing some new sidewalks each year, largely due to the general support of the majority of the abutters. It is our policy to work with individual abutters to resolve any design or landscaping issues to their reasonable satisfaction. One way for residents to facilitate the construction of sidewalks in their neighborhood is to get together to find agreement on where (often which side of the street) a sidewalk should be located. This should include all the residents who live along a sidewalk route. In this way, solutions to the common obstacles described above can usually be found and as funds become available the sidewalk can be scheduled for construction. The Engineering Department has a standard petition form and information sheet that is available to interested citizens. We have also prepared a five-year sidewalk capital plan and map of existing and proposed sidewalks in Town that is also available to interested citizens.

Each year the Engineering Department also does the survey, design, and construction stakeout for several projects constructed by the Highway Department. This year we did the survey and design for a new pre-cast concrete box culvert on School Street near Lawsbrook Road. The installation of this culvert has been delayed pending resolution of a wetlands related issue, but construction is anticipated next year. We also did the survey, design and wetlands permit for a 24" culvert replacement on Arlington Street near Homestead Street. A similar culvert was also replaced on Martin Street. Finally, we have designed another minor culvert replacement on Hammond Street that will be installed by the Highway Department next year.

Miscellaneous projects were undertaken for other departments during the year, we did a topographical survey and plan of the police station lot as part of the feasibility study for a new public safety building. We have also completed a similar survey and plan of the town owned property at the intersection of Routes 2A & 27 as part of an investigation into the possibility of a new fire station at this location.

We re-surveyed the 1987 County Layout of Wetherbee Street last year in preparation for setting road bounds. This year we set a total of ten granite bounds to monument the layout as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 86 Section 1. Under Section 3 of this Chapter of the General Laws, the setting of these monuments prevents any adverse claim of title resulting from an encroachment on the public way by an abutter. This is work no longer done at the county level since the elimination of the Middlesex County Engineering Department. We also set four granite bounds to monument the revised layout of Ledge Rock Way at the North Acton Recreation Area, and a bound and two drill holes in a stone wall to permanently mark the boundary of a parcel of conservation land on Central Street.

Construction of the North Acton Recreation Area (NARA) is substantially completed. This year we provided the field stakeout and construction supervision for the curbs and final paving at the south parking lot. This included the stakeout for the pavement markings. Next year we should finally see the completion of this project, at least those aspects that require the involvement of the Engineering Department.

Nobody likes traffic, but everybody owns a vehicle; or so it seems. Traffic problems and complaints increase each year and now occupy a significant portion of our time. Traffic related projects this year included the survey and design, with the help of the engineering firm, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB), of a speed bump on Windsor Avenue. This bump was installed on a trial basis to see how well it would work and what types of problems snowplows and fire engines, etc might experience. We will see how it goes this winter. We have also assisted the Planning Department with the Route 27 (Main Street) Corridor Study between Brook Street and Route 2. Traffic counts were done with our four automatic traffic counters and we have

attended several meetings with the consultant doing the study. The study will be completed early next year. We have also coordinated work on a neighborhood traffic study of the Indian Village area by the Town's Traffic consultant, VHB. This study will also be completed early next year and will contain a series of possible traffic calming measures that could be implemented if funds become available in the future. There are several things to keep in mind when considering solutions to traffic problems. The first is that the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 90, Section 17 and 18 determine the manner in which speed limits are set on State and Municipal roadways. Section 17 sets the "prima facie" speed limits; Section 18 authorizes the posting of numerical speed limits. The posting of numerical speed limits requires the approval of the Registry of Motor Vehicles and the Massachusetts Highway Department, as well as the local Board of Selectmen. The Massachusetts Highway Department has issued a booklet outlining the procedure required to obtain approval of a numerical speed limit. A copy of this booklet is available for public inspection in the Engineering Department. In general all traffic regulatory signs must be installed in accordance with the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices" issued by the Federal Highway Administration (<http://muted.fhwa.dot.gov/>). This is done to insure that such signs look the same and work the same throughout the country. The Town also has a set of Traffic Rules and Orders, which must be formally amended when such things as no parking zones or stop signs, etc. are erected.

New subdivisions are reviewed and inspected by the Engineering Department from initial submission of plans to final completion of the roads. When a plan is submitted, an engineering review of all aspects of a proposed subdivision is made, based on current Planning Board Rules and Regulations. Andrew Drive, Bellows Farm (Davis Road, etc.), Lexington Drive, Jackson Drive Extension, Harris Street Village, Hillside Condominium, Dunham Park, Tupelo Way and Coburn Drive, were some of the major projects reviewed and/or inspected in this manner. The Engineering Department also did a substantial amount of work for the Planning Board, including bond estimates for completion of subdivision roads and reviews of common drive special permits.

We continue to manage the 121 non-resident parking meters at the South Acton Commuter Parking Lot. The meters are programmed to accept disposable debit cards eliminating the need to carry a lot of loose change. There has also been some recent interest in installing decorative lighting at this location and we have worked with the consultant designing these improvements.

The Engineering Department handles the daily routine of administering the "Permit to Construct Within a Public Way" program (street cuts related to the installation of new utilities and driveways); responding to requests concerning drainage problems; coordinating the process for plowing private ways; maintaining the Town's four traffic signals; reviewing commer-

cial site plans; preparing street acceptance documents; coordinating the process used to accept donations of easements and low value parcels of land; updating the Town Atlas Maps (in both conventional and CAD formats); monitoring groundwater at the former Forest Road Landfill; providing the general public with information; and assisting the various Town boards and agencies as requested. We also have several versions of the Town Street Map in CAD format available for sale to the public, one of which shows all publicly owned parcels of land color-coded.

I appreciate the cooperation received from the other Town departments and look forward to further productive efforts in the coming year.

David F. Abbt, P.L.S.
Engineering Administrator

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The year 2000 started out with the highway department on duty and ready to handle any emergency which might occur as the clocks turned over and we entered a new century. It turned out to be an uneventful evening for the department, which is exactly what we were hoping for, and after several hours crews were dismissed and standby crews were notified to stay home.

After another mild winter the construction season began on the damp side. The month of June was nearly a washout and the department had to schedule work that could be done between storms.

ROADS

All town roads and sidewalks were swept in the spring. Because of the rainfall in June line painting was delayed until weather permitted. Street signs were replaced or repaired as needed and lawn damage was repaired. Catch basins were cleaned and repairs were made as needed. New guardrail was installed in many areas of the town.

Numerous town roads were milled, leveled and resurfaced during the year and others were maintained by patching and crack filling. Our road maintenance program will be tested extensively in the next several years with the completion of excavations within the sewer district. After time is allowed for proper settlement of the disturbed roads, we must do whatever is necessary to bring these roads back to standard.

DRAINAGE

Culverts were replaced during the year on Arlington Street, Martin Street and on Route 27 in North Acton. Drainage was done on Quarry Road to cure a persistent flooding problem. A pipeline was replaced on River Street which was deteriorating

and several hundred feet of drainage was installed on Central Street in conjunction with the sidewalk project. Sections of a damaged pipeline on Piper Road were removed and replaced.

SIDEWALKS

Approximately one dozen sidewalks in town were resurfaced during the summer and a section of concrete sidewalk on Windsor Avenue was replaced. A new sidewalk was built on Route 27 from Ledgerock Way to Northbriar Road and the section of sidewalk on Central Street near Martin Street was finished. Several walks were built at N.A.R.A. near the bathhouse and beach area.

SNOW

The last couple of winters have produced very little snow but the crews were busy with the many icing situations which occurred. Sand barrels were placed in many locations around town and snow fence was installed in several locations.

Sand and salt is available at the highway department for town residents.

TRANSFER STATION

The town continues to transport approximately 9,500 tons of refuse to North Andover each year. The department continues to recycle leaves and Christmas trees along with many other items at the recycling center.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the employees of the highway department for the many jobs well done. I also wish to thank all of the other departments for their help and cooperation throughout the year. A special thanks to Police Chief Frank Widmayer and the entire department for supplying the personnel needed to assist our crews with traffic control on the many road projects our department undertakes. We realize it has been very difficult to supply men for our projects with so many other construction projects going simultaneously, but I commend you and your force for all the help you have given.

Finally, a special thank you to my assistant, Russell Robinson and my secretary, Elaine Lawson for all their hours of dedicated work throughout the year. I thank you.

David J. Brown
Highway Superintendent

MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES

The Municipal Properties Department discharges the following duties:

1. Construction, maintenance, utilities, and management of all Town buildings, except those controlled by the School Department.
2. Development and maintenance of the Town Common, roadsides, and landscaped areas.
3. Management of street trees as provided in MGL Chapter 87, and management of Public Nuisances related to shade trees, as provided in MGL Chapter 132.
4. Technical expertise as needed for site plan and subdivision reviews and inspections.
5. Assistance to other departments as needed in the areas of land management and construction.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

This year two hundred and fourteen dead or dangerous street trees were removed. Five street trees were removed for the Central Street sidewalk project. Forty-eight street trees were pruned to reduce hazards, three trees were cabled, and one hundred and forty two tree stumps that presented traffic hazards were ground out below grade.

A total of twenty-eight trees were planted along roadsides and in public areas around town. In order to continue the best arboricultural practice of having a diverse stock of trees, eleven species of trees were planted: Callary Pear, Tree Lilac, Common Lilac, Sweetbay Magnolia, River Birch, Pin Oak, European Beech, Kentucky Coffee Tree, Yellow Wood, Horse Chestnut, and Chinese Elm.

Approximately twenty miles of road shoulder were mowed with the side arm mower, and numerous areas were cut back with chain saws. All intersections and sidewalks were checked and trimmed back as needed to alleviate traffic hazards. Poison Ivy growing along the Rights of Way in numerous locations was sprayed with a selective herbicide.

The Department responded to storm damage calls on ten occasions. Most of these emergency call-outs involved multiple locations; noteworthy of these incidents was the extensive damage caused by windstorms on December 12 and 17. More than half of the storm damage locations responded to involved trees that were growing on private property that fell out into the town right-of-way.

The major cause of street tree death in Acton continues to be Ash Decline. This disease is believed to be caused by a mycoplasma like organism, or M.L.O., which is believed to be transmitted by a leafhopper. The disease is always fatal within one or two years when it infects drought stressed ash trees.

An area of concern for home landscapes and conservation areas is the confirmed presence of the Hemlock Wooly Adelgid in Acton. This is an invasive alien insect, introduced into North America from Asia. This sucking insect infests Canadian Hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*), and almost always leads to the death of the tree within three to five years, if left untreated. There are a number of chemical controls, as well as research being done on biological controls, but this pest could have the same devastating impact upon the Hemlocks in Acton that it has had on similar populations in Virginia and Connecticut. A public education effort was begun to alert landowners about the threat presented by Hemlock Wooly Adelgid, including an article in the "Municipal Quarterly" that was included in all real estate tax bills.

In 2000 we experienced an unusually damp and cool spring, which caused an outbreak of Anthracnose, a fungal leaf disease. This disease caused the defoliation of a number of tree species, including Ash, Hickory, Oak, and Sycamore. The effect was quite alarming, but most trees recovered, and should not experience any long-term adverse effects provided the same conditions do not occur next year.

All subdivisions, cluster developments, and commercial site plans were reviewed for compliance with local landscaping standards.

In 2000 Acton was certified for the sixteenth consecutive year as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation, in recognition of our urban forestry efforts.

FACILITIES PROJECTS

There were a number of fairly sizable "maintenance" projects undertaken in 2000. At the Town Hall work was begun on replacing portions of the flat roof and performing some minor slate and carpentry repairs. Fire Station One and the Woodbury Lane Building were painted. New telephone systems, including voice mail, were installed in the Town Hall, Memorial Library, Police Station, Fire Headquarters, and the Senior Center. Operational changes were made in the Memorial Library HVAC system. A new air-conditioning unit was installed in the dispatch center at the Police Station. Parking lot lights were installed at the Senior Center.

In August the Town hired Butler Bennett Architects, Inc. (BBA), to provide a feasibility study into our public safety facilities needs. Over the ensuing months BBA has surveyed the existing buildings, solicited comments from staff, developed a building program, and prepared conceptual plans for

both a combined police/fire/dispatch center and a smaller satellite fire station. The major facility would be built on the lot adjacent to the existing police station that was purchased for that purpose in the 1970's. The satellite fire station would be built next to the recreation area at the intersection of Main Street and Great Road, also on land purchased for that purpose in the 1970's. Funding for more detailed design will be requested at the 2001 Annual Town Meeting, and a request for construction funding will be made in the fall of 2001 or the spring of 2002. In addition to the obvious involvement of the Police, Fire, and Municipal Properties departments in the conceptual design phase, the Engineering, Highway, and Health departments have been of great assistance in surveying the proposed locations and conducting subsurface investigations.

All members of the Department received additional training as needed to maintain licenses and certifications. For example, all employees who apply pesticides attended training workshops sponsored by the University of Massachusetts covering issues such as pesticide toxicity, environmental fate of pesticides, and Lyme disease. The Director attended workshops sponsored by the Inspector General dealing with public construction, bidding, and real property transactions. The Director was elected Vice-President of the New England Chapter, International Society of Arboriculture.

In closing, I would like to thank the various civic organizations, volunteers, and Town departments who have assisted this Department in the past year. As always, a great deal of credit should be given to the hard work and dedication shown by the Municipal Properties staff:

- Dean A. Charter, Municipal Properties
Director & Tree Warden
- Andrea MacKenzie, Secretary
- Malcolm MacGregor, Grounds Crew Leader
- Dayle MacGillivray, Building
Maintenance Crew Leader
- David Walsh, Groundskeeper
- Brian Kissane, Groundskeeper
- James Howells, Building Maintenance
- David Bouchard, Building Maintenance
- Nick Carrion Seasonal
- Dan Huffaker, Seasonal

NATURAL RESOURCES

Natural Resources is a blend of three distinct divisions, Cemeteries, Conservation and Recreation. With the completion of the NARA Park in the spring of 2000, our grounds crew felt the full impact of our commitment to recreation. One of our primary responsibilities is the maintenance and management of Acton's green spaces. Open Space including 60 acres of heavily stressed recreation fields, 64 acres of cemetery property and 1600 acres of conservation land. In addition, the director spends more than thirty hours each year in elementary school classrooms and at the Arboretum teaching environmental programs. As Acton's residential development continues to accelerate so does the workload of the Conservation Commission reviewing and monitoring projects near wetlands.

At last, NARA Park is open to the public. This represents the culmination of more than ten years of planning and five difficult years of construction. The park opened to the public for swimming this past spring and was well received. One common complaint voiced this summer was the lack of shade trees, a topic we are presently addressing with a comprehensive landscape plan for the park. We were fortunate to have been awarded a \$2,500 "Mass Releaf" Grant from the Department of Environmental Management, and more than thirty trees were planted around the bathhouse parking lot this past spring. We will continue to pursue grants for shade trees a pursuit made easier by a substantial donation made in the fall of 2000 earmarked for tree and shrub planting around the park. Special thanks to local landscape expert Sue Whitcomb and Garden Club President, Cathy Fochtman, for their expertise in helping with the landscape design and wildflower plantings.

As always the Arboretum looks stunning, a testament to the many dedicated volunteers who along with town staff are responsible for maintaining the 54 acre site. We are not the only ones to notice the beauty of our special place, this year the Friends of the Arboretum were honored as the recipients of the International Society of Arboriculture's "Gold Leaf Award". Special thanks to Belle Choate and her team of skilled volunteers responsible for putting the finishing touches on the Arboretums' master plan.

As always, Acton's 1,600 acres of conservation land received the highest level of maintenance from our Land Stewardship Committee. Whether it be building boardwalks or cleaning up blowdowns, Acton's Land Stewards were worthy of the task. Of significant note in the year 2000 was the reconstruction of the Wills Hole boardwalk and the beginning phase to rewrite and generally upgrade the Conservation Land Trail Guide, last update in 1996.

Natural Resources has always placed great emphasis on environmental awareness, in the past we have hosted many walks at the Arboretum along with our in-class programs. This past spring the Conservation Commission hosted a table at

Earth Day, and became very involved in a statewide Biodiversity Day designed to inventory the State's vanishing wildlife. Special thanks to Commissioner Andy Magee for organizing Acton's Biodiversity Day. As has been the case for the past eight years, Acton's residential development has been booming. Along with this development, has been the inevitable encroachment on many of our wetlands resource areas requiring extensive review and permitting by our Conservation Commission. This past year the Commission reviewed more than seventy environmental applications pertaining to the Wetlands Protection Act.

Acton is a community blessed with a wonderful base of volunteers, no department is more aware of this than the Natural Resources Department. We have come to rely on our fabulous group of volunteers for much of what we accomplish. Thank you to all those that give their time so generously.

Conservation Commission
Tom Tidman, Director
Matthew Liebman
Andrew Magee
Barbara Espstein
Terry Maitland
Pam Attardo
Christopher Starr
Peter Berry

SEWER ACTION COMMITTEE

The year 2000 was a milestone for the Sewer Action Committee. On March 25, the Sewer Action Committee, local residents, local and state officials gathered together at the Adams St. sewer plant site to celebrate the start of a long-awaited municipal sewer project. Many of those in attendance at the ground breaking had toiled for over 17 years to bring this project to Acton. Construction work on the plant began in early March followed by the start of road construction in April. The plant contractor is R.H. White, the road contractor is Roads, Inc. and the Town's consultant is Woodard and Curran.

Don Ouellette was hired by the Town Manager to be the Sewer Project Manager. Ouellette worked previously as the DPW director in Ayer and the City Engineer in Nashua, NH. He reports to the Town Manager and keeps the Sewer Action Committee up-to-date on the project. He is the contact point for sewer district owners as questions arise.

With the advent of the sewer project, the role of the Sewer Action Committee was reviewed and revised. The sewer project now falls to the staff and the consultants for supervision except for the Communication Task Force (CTF) members who are charged with the public information responsibility. The CTF has kept the community informed about the traffic impacts and project timing issues. Construction schedules for the streets in

the sewer district are available at several points; charts and maps in the lobby of the Memorial Library and Health office of Town Hall; a link on the Town of Acton's official web site posts up-to-date digging information; and the The Beacon which carries the schedules and maps before the actual digging begins. The CTF will continue this task throughout the entire project.

At the April Town Meeting, voters approved a \$500,000 expenditure to fund a Comprehensive Water Resources Plan. This study will evaluate wastewater treatment and disposal alternatives for the purpose of identifying problem areas in the rest of the town. The project will take approximately two years to complete and is composed of four phases. The first which started in September, will cover the whole Town assessing the wastewater disposal problems of the entire Assabet River basin (town and region) and identifying areas in the Town that need to be explored in depth for solutions, whether it be sewers or some other solution. The funding will also cover the cost of a comprehensive environmental review, called an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

In late summer, the Sewer Action Committee was renamed as the Acton Wastewater Advisory Committee to better reflect its broader scope. All members of SAC agreed to remain on the committee with the focus shifting to the comprehensive study of the Town's water resources. As part of the CWRP process, a separate Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) was appointed with members from town boards, business, civic, environmental interest, and community groups. They will give input to the consultants (Woodard & Curran) as the study findings are presented. Each of the four phases of the study needs to demonstrate CAC input and public involvement.

Acton's Home rule legislation was passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor at end of December. This new law will allow the sewer district owners to make quarterly betterment payments over a 30-year time period, rather than the usual 20-year period, with a low interest rate. Acton's Sen. Pam Resor and Rep. Cory Atkins guided this legislation through the General Court.

The Sewer Action Committee/Acton Wastewater Advisory Committee members meet on the first Thursday evening of every month. The composition of AWAC/SAC was carefully crafted to enlist a wide range of talents and expertise. The members are; Dore Hunter and Trey Shupert, Board Selectmen; Bela Matyas, Finance Committee; Mark Conoby, Board of Health; Pat Halm, Planning Board; Andy Magee, Conservation Commission; Citizens-at-large Art Gagne, Bob Johnson, Nancy Tavernier and Ann Chang; and staff members Doug Halley Health Director, Don Ouellette, Sewer Project Manager and Jim Deming, Acton Water District Manager.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

During the past year, 28 animals were quarantined for rabies. The animal quarantines consisted of 19 dog bites, one cat bite and one ferret bite. There were seven quarantines for possible exposure to rabies from wildlife other than dogs or cats. All animals were quarantined for the prescribed period of time necessary to determine the animal was free of the rabies virus.

I inspected seven barns in Acton and all were found to be in order. From the barn inspection census, farm animals number 38 horses and 14 ponies.

Respectfully,

Patrick H. Palmer

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health continued to deal with many significant public health and environmental issues during 2000. Of specific consequence to the Town was when the construction for the Middle Fort Pond Brook Sewer began in April. Other issues addressed by the Board included the continuation of the W. R. Grace clean-up, the Non-Point Source Control Program, response to the presence of the West Nile Virus, start of the Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan, participation in the Westford/ Tyngsboro/ Acton Tobacco Alliance and implementation of a Map-Based Septic Management Program.

In April the Town signed construction agreements with R. H. White and Roads Corporation for the construction of a wastewater treatment facility and a ten-mile collection system. By year's end R. H. White had completed 35% of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Roads Corporation had completed 30% of the collection system. At this time the project is under budget but slightly behind schedule. It is anticipated that the wastewater treatment plant will be completed by September of 2001 and the collection system will be complete by January 2002.

By year's end the town had received a \$106,644 grant from the federal government. This grant will begin implementation of Acton's Non-point Source Control Program to reduce phosphorous inputs in the SuAsCo watershed. The project will provide a valuable test case for trading programs that are being promoted as a means for communities to meet the requirements of the Phase II Stormwater NPDES Program, which will become effective over the next few years.

The Board of Health has maps available which show the location of all hazardous waste sites, groundwater monitoring wells, stream sampling locations and environmentally sensitive areas. The Geographic Information System used to create these maps is also being used within the Board's Wastewater Management Program, which is tracking the septic system pumping and septic system replacement within the Town.

During the summer Claire Forbes, on an internship from Smith College, located some of the Town's drainage system with a Geodetic Positioning System loaned from the Acton Water District. Spencer St. Claire, a local high school student, volunteered as a data entry assistant during the summer. At the end of the year Bob Eisengrein volunteered to provide additional assistance to the Board by doing stream sampling.

Operable Unit Three is well under way at the W. R. Grace Superfund site. This unit will identify the nature and extent of groundwater contamination on that site and develop a plan to restore the Town's aquifers to their former state. The Town's Ground Water Clean-up Standard Bylaw, passed in 1997, establishes the standards that must be met for any aquifer restoration project done within the Town. The Town's goal for compliance at the W. R. Grace site is to provide assurance that all remediated groundwater meets the Acton Water District's drinking water standards.

The summer brought new concern regarding the mosquito population in Town. The West Nile Virus identified in New York last year was found in Massachusetts this year. The virus, which shows up in the bird population was tracked closely by the State Department of Public Health. Locally the Board tracked more than 30 dead birds and submitted a half dozen to the state for testing. At year's end, no bird's with the virus were found in Acton but both Concord & Carlisle detected the presence of the virus in their communities. Based on the new concern with the West Nile Virus the Board was planning an article for a Special Town Meeting in January 2001 to join a mosquito control project.

This year the Board joined the Westford/ Tyngsboro Tobacco Alliance and Tina Grosowsky took on the responsibility of tobacco inspections ensuring the Town's compliance with the Tobacco Bylaw. One of Ms. Grosowsky's first duties was to conduct the Town's sixth compliance check for all stores that sell tobacco products. This was done, with the assistance of the Westford/ Tyngsboro/ Acton Tobacco Alliance and the cooperation of the Acton Police Department and local resident Dan Silva. Out of 25 stores checked the Health Department found three that sold tobacco to an underage teen. This compliance check indicates some progress has been made since the first check revealed a 50% non-compliance rate but additional checks will be required. Special thanks should be given to Tina Grosowsky and Dan Silva.

The Board's Volunteer Mentoring program designed to provide assistance to at-risk pre-teens is continuing successfully. Big Brother/ Big Sister of Middlesex County has opened an office in Maynard. Ms. Kristen Giunta is the program coordinator who is identifying the at-risk teens and developing the volunteer base. The Board believes that this important and necessary program will provide a safety net for children that might otherwise be left unprotected.

For the sixth year two Hazardous Waste Days were conducted in May and October. Over 600 residents participated in these two days, setting records for both attendance and waste collected (5,000 gallons). For the first time cathode ray tubes were accepted during the collection. Every resident that arrived during the collection time was able to rid themselves of their household hazardous waste and the wait for service was minimal or nonexistent. Due to this success the Board of Health will continue to schedule additional collection days in May and September of 2001.

The number and types of permits and licenses issued by the Board of Health continues to grow. The entire permitting statistics were as follows:

General Permits:	
Burial Permit	76
Car Wash Event Permits	15
Tanning Salon Permits	1
Funeral Director License	2
Massage Establishment Permit	15
Massage Practitioner License	29
Motel Permit	1
Public & Semi-Public Pools	
Full Size	22
Wading	5
Environmental:	
Above-ground Storage Tank Installation	3
Aquifer Special Permit	48
Asbestos Removal Notification	5
Commercial Hauler's License	7
Deleading Notifications	5
Hazardous Materials Storage	145
Private Well Permits	16
Underground Storage Tank Removal	30
Septic Systems:	
Septage Disposal Permits	2205
Septage Hauler's License	21
Septic System Inspections	156
Septic System Construction	
Replacements	151
New Homes	123
Septic System Installer's License	74
Sewage Treatment Plant Permit	9

Food Service:

Food Service Program

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Statistics for 2000 indicate that on proposed building lots the Health Department witnessed 314 deep test holes and 154 percolation tests. These tests led to the approval of 123 new residential or commercial septic system permits. In addition, the Health Department witnessed 106 deep test holes and 72 percolation tests for existing homes replacing their septic systems.

Housing, Food Service and other complaint activities were as follows:

Housing Complaints	10
Units Inspected for Housing Authority	5
Food Complaints	22
Septic Complaints	18
Miscellaneous Complaints	10

Over 350 comprehensive and follow-up inspections were conducted at 120 food establishments within the Town. More than 150 Hazardous Materials Storage Inspections were also conducted at 126 facilities.

The Board of Health extends its thanks to the following members of other departments who helped in the past year: Nancy McShea, Cathy Belbin, Dave Brown, Tom Tidman, Garry Rhodes, Bob Craig, Chris Prehl, Roland Bartl, Dean Charter and Dennis Ring. A special thanks is given to Claire Forbes, Spencer St. Claire and Bob Eisengrein for their valuable contributions to the Board's programs. The Board welcomes Kathy Block as an associate member. The Board also extends a heartfelt thank you to Lisa Wolf for the service she gave to the Town during her tenure on the Board and welcomes Mark Conoby on his return to the Board as a full member. In addition staff member Diane Pantermoller left to take a position with Acton Survey & Engineering while Jim Johnson joined the staff part time as a data entry assistance.

Board of Health Members
Mark Benedict, Chairman
Robert Oliveri, Vice Chairman
William McInnis, Member
Mark Conoby, Member
Dr. Robert Matusow, Member
Rita Dolan, Associate
Kathy Block, Associate
Doug Halley, Health Director

2000 DOG OFFICER REPORT

During the past year my office received 151 calls regarding dog problems throughout Acton. The vast majority of these calls were solved over the telephone. Fifteen dogs were picked up this year and all were returned to their owner. Two additional dogs were picked up, held for the necessary 10 day period,

ACTON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

The Acton Emergency Management Agency (AEMA), is a volunteer organization, and consists of the following functional components, planning, operations, communications, shelter management, auxiliary fire department, rehab team and Explorer Post #7. All the members are expected to take First Aid and CPR so that their training is always up to date. Members take courses that are offered to them by Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and other courses that are useful to our Agency. Some members have and are currently taking a First Responder course. Our members provide first aid and logistical assistance at many of our town wide celebrations and events including Patriots Day, Memorial Day, Acton Town Fair, Fourth of July, NARA, and other events in town.

Our members provide many volunteer hours to the town, not including regular meetings, and training drills. In the true spirit of giving these volunteers are ready to respond on a moment's notice to help make a difference in time of need. This Agency is always available, 24 hours a day and may be contacted by calling 264-9655 and leaving a brief message along with your telephone number. A member of the Agency will return the call as soon as possible.

The Acton Emergency Management Agency maintains two literature racks that display brochures from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. These racks are located in the Acton Memorial Library and the Acton Town Hall. Citizens are encouraged to take these free brochures. We would like to thank the Acton Memorial Library and the Acton Municipal Properties for their continued support in this project.

Special thanks go to the dedicated volunteers who make it possible to provide the various services to the Citizens of Acton. Without their support the Agency would not be able to assist the public when most needed. We want to thank Bill Ohm who was a member of our Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (R.A.C.E.S) Team, who has resigned and moved out of state. He gave many hours to the group and was a valuable asset to our team. We wish him well and will miss him.

We are grateful for the assistance of the Acton Fire and Police Departments along with the Nursing Service for their cooperation and continued support. We would like to thank the Municipal Properties Department for their repairs to the Emergency Management Building and also the Acton Highway Department for keeping our vehicles in running condition.

The Acton Emergency Management Agency is looking for new members in all areas of the organization, no experience is required; certified instructors provide all training. Use your skills to help your Community, for more information please call 264-9655 and leave a brief message. We will return your call as soon as possible.

Members of Acton Emergency Management

- Seth Campbell – Deputy Director
- John Chalmers – Member
- Hector Constantzos – Member
- Connie Sue Ingram – Shelter Specialist
- Robert W. Ingram – Warning Officer
- Ann Jones – Shelter Specialist
- Don Johnson – Director
- Carole Landry – Secretary
- Charles Landry – Shelter Manager, Deputy Director
- Charles Landry, Jr. – Member
- Maureen Landry – Member
- John Murray – Director
- Shelley Northup, N1VJE – R.A.C.E.S.
- William Northup, N1OPR – R.A.C.E.S.
- William Ohm, W1OHM – R.A.C.E.S.*
- Anne Reilly – Dispatcher
- Edward Reilly – Transportation/Equipment
- Brain Saltsgaver – Capt. Aux Fire*
- Gail Sawyer – Rehab Coordinator
- Susanne Simon – Deputy Director
- Randy Watson - Member

Resigned *

ACTON AUXILIARY FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Acton Auxiliary Fire Department is made up of a group of dedicated volunteers who have an interest in the fire service. They are trained and equipped to assist the citizens of Acton as well as support other town agencies during times of emergency.

The Department operates two primary vehicles a 1980 light "Rescue 36" and a 1977 four-wheel drive pickup "Engine 37".

Rescue 36 is our primary response vehicle. It is equipped with a generator, lighting equipment, submersible pumps and hoses as well as a variety of other equipment to support our operations.

Engine 37 is used primarily for brush fire responses. It carries 225 gallons of water as well as a pump and hand tools for working the fire scene.

The department is on automatic response to all Acton Fire Department box alarms, providing lighting and assisting with air bottle exchanges as well as assisting with salvage and overhaul under the direction of the Acton Fire Department. One of the most important roles this department has is "rehab" or the establishing of a rest and rehab area for the fire personnel at a "working" fire. Rescue 36 is equipped with towels, fluids and temporary seating to perform this function.

In keeping with the existing mutual aid agreements between the Acton Fire Department and the surrounding communities, the Auxiliary will respond when requested to assist in any way possible.

This year our personnel have donated over 1100 man-hours to the town of Acton, responding to calls ranging from structure fires to assisting residents with water problems and providing lighting and rehab at police crime scenes.

These numbers do not include training, drills or our bimonthly meetings during which we handle paper work, maintenance and other business.

The Auxiliary Fire Department meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at the Emergency Management Building on the corner of Rt. 27 and School Street in South Acton. Department membership is open to all individuals over the age of 18 who live or work within ten miles of the Acton Emergency Management Building.

Brian Saltsgaver, Captain of the Auxiliary Fire Department and a long time member has resigned and moved to another state. He has donated hundreds of hours to the Town of Acton and we give him our sincere thanks for all his help and wish him a great future in his new home.

Auxiliary Fire Members

Brian Saltsgaver, E.M.T. – Captain*
Edward Reilly – Captain
Wayne Naomi – Lieutenant
Matt Gamage – Firefighter
Jennifer Gray – Firefighter
Ann Jones – Rehab/Firefighter
Frank Lombardo – Firefighter
Jeremy Medicus – Firefighter
Gail Sawyer – Rehab/Firefighter

Ronald Sawyer – Firefighter
Joe Szkolka, E.M.T. – Firefighter

* Resigned

ACTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

As the twenty-first century began, the Acton Fire Department was staffed with additional on-duty personnel in light of some predictions of the possibility of Y2K catastrophes. Internal systems and procedures had been checked and public safety personnel had been prepared. Needless to say and fortunately for all absolutely nothing out of the ordinary occurred. In fact the night shift on December 31, 1999 was uneventful.

Once again we were fortunate in that there were not a significant number of structure fires during the year. More importantly there was no loss of life or significant injuries occurring to either civilians or fire department personnel as a result of structure fires. A few structure fire situations of note were as follows. On May 4, 2000, Acton Fire Department personnel and equipment responded to and worked extensively at an eight-alarm fire at 747 Main Street in Concord. This was quickly followed on May 5, 2000 with an early morning fire on Parker Street in Acton. As the year continued, however, there were not a significant number of serious fires. On November 22, 2000 the Acton Fire Department together with fire departments from many other area towns once again responded to the Town of Concord. On this occasion a serious fire threatened the historic downtown business block on Main Street. The fire was quickly controlled with the assistance of all departments that responded.

During the year an operational analysis of public safety departments in the Town of Acton was completed. Known as the Bennett report many of the recommendations specifically relative to the fire department were implemented early on and continue to be implemented. In conjunction with the operational study a public safety facility feasibility study also commenced. It is expected that this feasibility study will result in recommendations for fire and police department facilities. The study will focus on recommendations relative to the Bennett report and will study, among other things, the feasibility of a joint headquarters facility and joint dispatch capabilities for the public safety departments. It is anticipated that this will result in a funding request for facilities for the 2001 Annual Town Meeting.

Following is a brief synopsis of highlights and changes for the Acton Fire Department in the year 2000.

PERSONNEL:

Once again this department experienced a great deal of transition as several of our senior members retired and one member resigned to accept a professional position in an adjacent community. During the past year Captain Donald Copeland retired after 38 years of service to the Town. Captain Paul Simeone retired after 34 years of service. Both of these men were senior shift commanders with years of experience, which will be difficult to replace. In addition to duties as a shift commander, Captain Copeland also served in the area of fire prevention and served for a number of years as the Maintenance Officer for the department. Captain Simeone also served in various maintenance and fire prevention functions. Lt. David Soar, a 19-year veteran, resigned to accept a position of Fire Chief for the Town of Stow, MA. Lt. Soar was not only an experienced company officer but also served as Training Officer. In order to fill existing vacancies Firefighter/EMT's Brent Carter and Eric Mathieu were selected and hired. At this writing both Firefighter/EMT's Brent Carter and Eric Mathieu are attending the Recruit Firefighter training program at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. In the upcoming year several more of our newer firefighters will be attending recruit training as well.

APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT:

Early in May the department took delivery of a new engine (Engine 24) which is a 2000 Ferrara. This engine includes a numerous compartments for equipment and also is a much safer piece of apparatus due to the fully enclosed cab and the upgraded safety components found in newer apparatus. By purchasing these newer engines the 1970's engines that we have will be removed from service and the remaining 1988 engines which are currently in first line service will be reassigned to second line/reserve status. As part of acquiring the new engine, Engine 27 a 1973 snorkel pumper was traded in as well as one of the 1988 engines.

In addition to the new engine the department took delivery of a new AEV ambulance manufactured on an International truck chassis. This unit replaced a two-year-old vehicle that had inherent and continuing construction problems. Fortunately this unit was replaced at no cost to the Town under a warranty arrangement. Also, a 2000 Ford Expedition replaced the used 1994 Chevrolet Blazer, which is by the Shift Commanders. Finally, relative to equipment changes during the year it should be noted that a new UHF radio system was completed and placed into full service.

FACILITIES:

Through the efforts of on-duty personnel and the assistance of the Municipal Properties Department, our facilities remained in relatively good condition for their age. During the year the firestations were used on several occasions as interim polling places due to the school projects that are under construction.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:

Once again our Emergency Medical Services continued to be our main service area to the community during the past year. Firefighter/EMT Jack White serves as the department's EMS coordinator. Firefighter/EMT Robert Wetherbee and Firefighter/EMT Kris Ellicks very capably assist him in his responsibilities. Firefighter/EMT Wetherbee primarily handles medical supplies and assists on special EMS projects. Firefighter/EMT Ellicks primarily handles CPR and Automatic External Defibrillator training and recertification for departmental personnel. The success of this program is due not only to the dedication of our personnel but also to the specific efforts of these particular individuals.

As new firefighters are hired they are now required to possess and maintain an EMT certification. The number of EMT's for the department now totals thirty-two. During the past year many of these EMT's re-certified and also received renewal certification in the use of EPI pens. In addition personnel received specialized training in auto extrication, geriatric care, pediatric patient assessment, hypo thermia and ice rescue techniques. Of significant note was the passage of Emergency Medical Care legislation on the state level with a bill known as EMS2000. This legislation which has been in development for several years will assure a high level of patient care by emergency medical personnel in each community.

A brand new ambulance was acquired at no cost to the Town to replace a unit, which was only two years old. This unit was replaced under a warranty arrangement with the manufacturer and dealer. This would not have taken place without the exhaustive efforts of Firefighter/EMT Robert Wetherbee. I would like to publicly commend him and thank him for these efforts on behalf of the department and the Town.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES:

As the Town continues to grow and a great deal of development takes place, the need for environmental assessments continues to increase. During the course of the year there were nineteen (19) environmental assessments conducted and there were six (6) underground storage tanks removed and inspected. Our efforts in this area are primarily conducted by Firefighter/EMT William Klauer who serves as our Underground Storage Tank Coordinator/ Environmental Coordinator.

FIRE ALARM:

Our Fire Alarm Superintendent, Acting Captain George Williams, continued to maintain the municipal fire alarm system assisted by Firefighter Forrest Bean. During the past year there were ten (10) master boxes, eight (8) street boxes and two (2) medical boxes added to the municipal fire alarm system. Of particular note is the fact that one of the street boxes and the two medical boxes were installed at NARA. In addition to the fire

alarm system expansion as noted above there were many utility pole changeovers, a fire alarm circuit was recabled and general upkeep and maintenance of the system was completed. Relative to equipment upgrades a new Keltron alarm circuit decoder was installed and placed into operation in the Fire Alarm dispatch center.

The fire alarm division also installs and removes the overhead banners that announce various community and civic activities. This year there were a total of thirty-four banners that were displayed and then taken down. In addition on three national holidays the fire alarm division has also put up and took down the American flags located on utility poles in West Acton.

Finally, the Fire Alarm Superintendent and his assistant continue to maintain and enhance their professional expertise by attending annual training held by the International Municipal Signal Association. Both of these individuals received additional certifications as a result of their annual training.

FIRE PREVENTION:

Our fire prevention efforts continue to expand and include the areas of engineering, enforcement and public education. Deputy Fire Chief William Primiano, conducted seventy-four (74) commercial, and one hundred and seventy-one (171) residential plan reviews and necessary inspections of both residential and commercial sites.

There also continued to be many opportunities for public education which was conducted by the Department. These included station tours, infant safety programs, school visits, school inspections, quarterly inspections, safety fair, etc. These public education efforts were conducted by many Acton Fire Department personnel and were well received by all that attended or participated. Firefighter/EMT William Klauer serves as our Public Education Coordinator for all these events in addition to his responsibilities as a part-time Fire Inspector. Firefighter/EMT Klauer continues to be very active as the First Vice President of the Massachusetts Fire Prevention Association. He has also attended several conferences and continues to receive specialized training in such areas as blasting regulations, code enforcement, and underground storage tank compliance.

Once again the Open House was conducted by Acton Firefighters. This annual event continues to be well received by the Town and would not be possible without the volunteer efforts of the Acton Firefighters as well as many of the wives who donated their time, efforts and refreshments to provide this open house opportunity for the public.

Deputy Chief Primiano was extremely busy in the field of fire and arson investigation. He is active in the Metrofire Arson Association, the International Association of Arson Investiga-

tors as well as the state coalition for fire investigation and the regional fire investigation team. Lt. Kevin Lyons and Firefighter/EMT James Ray assist him in this area. In addition to those activities both Deputy Chief Primiano and Lt. Kevin Lyons have been key participants and organizers of the Middlesex County District Attorney's Juvenile Fire Setter program.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS:

Fortunately there were no significant hazardous material incidents to report. However, Lt. David Soar and Firefighter/EMT's Anita Arnum and Ken Carroll continued to train and operate as members of the District 14 Regional Hazardous Material Team.

TRAINING:

As in previous years, a major focus of our departmental activities is in the area of training. We are constantly trying to increase, upgrade and/or enhance this vital fire service function. Lt. David Soar directed this critical operation during the first half of the year. As previously noted Lt. Soar resigned from the department to assume a Fire Chiefs position.

During the course of the year many of the drills were conducted on an in-service basis for on-duty personnel. Major training highlights for the year include the following:

- A number of personnel attended seminars dealing with Firefighter Safety and Survival. As a result this training was brought back to the department and has resulted in an increased initiative in this critical area.
- Firefighter/EMT's Shawn Ferrari, Chris Sammet, Phil Scott and Richard Tyler attended, and graduated from, the Worcester Fire Department Recruit Training Academy.
- In-service training in Smoke Detector Inspections and Blasting Compliance was conducted.

Once again we contracted an individual to conduct an annual refresher course for all EMT's and First Responders within the Department and conducted this training on an on-duty, in-service basis. In addition to the courses listed above, fire and EMS personnel continued to attend many other courses. The Massachusetts Fire Academy offered some of these courses and local colleges offered others for Firefighter/EMT's continue working towards degrees in Fire Science. Deputy Chief Primiano attended a two-week course in Arson Investigation Management at the National Fire Academy. Chief Craig attended a the Executive Fire Officer Symposium at the National Fire Academy and the annual Professional Development Conference sponsored by the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts. Members of the Acton Fire Department also attended various fire related trade shows to view new equipment relative to the fire service.

CONCLUSION:

The year 2000 remained an active year for this Department. We did not know what we would encounter as we faced a year starting with predictions relative to the supposed Y2K phenomena. However, as the year progressed, we were indeed fortunate there were no significant injuries or fire deaths. Now, as we enter the twenty-first century, we continue to increase our efforts in training, emergency management, upgrading of apparatus and facilities. We are a changing department with many new personnel and many changes in technology, equipment, apparatus and policies. During the upcoming year we hope to acquire another replacement engine as well as a replacement vehicle for the Fire Chief. It is anticipated that there will be a recommendation for public safety facility improvements as a result of the current feasibility study. There will also be an emphasis on firefighter safety and survival. Some additional equipment relative to this vital initiative has been requested, some of which may be available through a state grant program.

Despite current and anticipated changes, one factor remains constant and that is the dedication and professionalism of our personnel. The success that we achieve as a department is not possible without the efforts of all of our personnel. Therefore I cannot conclude my report without taking an opportunity to thank all of our personnel for their consistent and continued assistance and cooperation during the past year. The efforts and accomplishments of the personnel during the course of the year resulted in a full service fire department that the residents of the Town can be proud of. Further, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all other town departments and agencies for their assistance as well. Finally, I would especially like to thank the Emergency Management Auxiliary Fire Department for their continued support and assistance at fire scenes as well as other fire department activities during the course of the year. Their efforts are always beneficial and much appreciated. Concluding this report is a statistical summary of activities during the year as compiled and reported by Firefighter/EMT William Klauer:

Robert C. Craig
Fire Chief

ACTON FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL STATISTICS – 2000

FIRES

Chimney Fires	0
Structure Fires	25
Brush Fires	12
Illegal Burning	5
Motor Vehicle Fires	14
Personal Property Fires	0
Refuse Fires	6
Fire, Miscellaneous	0
Outside leak with fire	0
Controlled Burning	0

ALARM INVESTIGATIONS

False Alarms	16
Alarm Malfunctions	164
Accidental Alarms	121
Alarm, other than fire	15

HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS

Explosions	0
Lightning Strikes	15
Food on the stove	0
Leak, no ignition	0
Excessive heat	8
Power lines down	37
Electrical problem	36
Spill, hazardous material	17
Smoke condition	115
Gas leak	26
Lock in	19
Motor Vehicle Accidents	221
Animal Rescue	4

INVESTIGATIONS

Carbon monoxide detectors	20
Complaint	6
Bomb threats	3
Smoke scare	1
Honest mistake	8
Nothing found	20
Odor	0
Other situations found	0
Power outage	12

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Medicals, in town	939
Medicals, out of town	65

SPECIAL SERVICE

Assist police	7
Inspection	1255
Master box activity	1137
Lock outs	44
Miscellaneous	73
Water problems	36
Mutual aid dispatched	31

TOTAL INCIDENT RESPONSES 4525

PUBLIC EDUCATION REQUESTS

Industrial programs	1
Pre-school programs	5
School programs	31
Station tours	18

TOTAL PUBLIC EDUCATION 55

PERMITS

Blasting	21
Fire Alarm Installation	27
Flammables	2
Underground storage	1
Propane Storage	51
Fuel oil storage or burner	62
Underground tank removal	7
Open burning	908
Sprinkler	21
Mobile/portable tanks	35
Miscellaneous	12
Powder	2
Agricultural	3
Fireworks	2

TOTAL PERMITS 1154

SMOKE DETECTORS TESTED FOR COMPLAINT 1218

ACTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Members of the Acton Police Department

CHIEF OF POLICE

Francis J. Widmayer III

LIEUTENANTS

John T. McNiff

Donald L. Palma Jr.

SERGEANTS

Robert L. Parisi

Thomas J. Rogers

Bruce A. Nadeau

James A. Cogan

Raymond P. Grey

POLICE OFFICERS

Brian Goodman

Paul Cogan

Robert Cowan

Raymond LaRoche

James Goodemote

Christopher Browne

Christopher Prehl

Frederick Rentschler

John Cooney

Scott Howe

Michael Cogan

Edward Lawton Jr.

Kevin Heffernan

Lisa Driscoll

Luke Penney

Leo Gower

Dean Keeler

Gardena Abramowitz

Keith Campbell

Daniel Silva

Douglas Sturniolo

Scott Krug

POLICE MATRONS

Faith Williams

Debra Richardson

Christine Joyce

SECRETARIES

Faith Williams

Kerri Tejeiro

DISPATCHERS

Faith Williams
 Kevin Antonelli
 Anne Milligan
 Paul Connors
 John Egan
 Robert Merrill
 Robert Sirois

OPERATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS**Officer In Charge of Patrol Division**

Lt. John McNiff

Officer In Charge of Special Services

Lt. Donald Palma

Officer In Charge of Detectives

Sgt. Robert Parisi

Department Prosecutor

Det. Frederick Rentschler

Detectives

Det. Christopher Browne

Det. Edward Lawton Jr.

Youth Officer

Det. Scott Howe

Safety/Crime Prevention Officer

Ptl. Robert Cowan

Training Officer

Lt. Donald Palma

Domestic Violence Intervention Unit

Sgt. Raymond Grey

Ptl. James Goodemote

Ptl. Lisa Driscoll

	1999	2000
ACCIDENT - NO INJURY	499	619
ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES	84	105
ALARM RECEIVED	1357	1499
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	285	406
ARRESTS	234	256
ARSON	3	1
ASSAULT	33	28
BREAK & ENTRY	83	37
BYLAW VIOLATION	12	8
CHILD ABUSE COMPLAINT	9	8
CIVIL COMPLAINT	56	70
C.O.R.I. RECORD CHECK	8	7
DISTURBANCE	341	397

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	125	98
DRUG VIOLATION	17	31
FIRE CALL	329	249
FORGERY	2	1
GENERAL SERVICE	1982	2150
GUN VIOLATION	6	6
HEALTH HAZARD	132	200
KIDNAPPING ATTEMPT	0	1
LARCENY	338	283
LARCENY OF MOTOR VEHICLE	14	14
LOCKOUT	74	59
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	133	136
MEDICAL EMERGENCY	659	765
MISSING PERSON	88	79
MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINT	1433	1506
MUTUAL-AID CALL	79	62
POLICE INFORMATION	1063	1252
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	32	53
RAPE	5	7
WARRANT RECALLED	0	4
VEHICLE REPOSSESSION	3	7
ROBBERY ARMED/UNARMED	2	0
SECURITY CHECK	1533	948
SEXUAL ASSAULT	12	7
SUDDEN DEATH	2	3
SUICIDE ATTEMPT	16	13
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	1235	1146
ANNOYING TELEPHONE CALLS	40	35
THREATENING	51	54
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	2076	1254
TRAFFIC HAZARD	1088	1222
TRESPASSING COMPLAINT	32	47

TOTAL COUNT = 15,605 15,133

ADMINISTRATION

The Special Services Division has continued to expand its role in the overall administration of the department. Through research of available funding options, we have been able to expand the capabilities and programs of the department. Successful awarding of grant funds in the areas of Community Policing and D.A.R.E. have allowed the department to greatly expand services to the community including outreach programs, specialized domestic violence unit, expanded safety programs, increased response capabilities during critical incidents and intensive training in specialized areas.

DISPATCH OPERATIONS

Dispatch remains one of the critical and key components of any emergency service. All dispatch personnel have received yearly update training. Additionally, all dispatch personnel have been certified in Emergency Medical Dispatch techniques.

Several part time personnel are now in place and trained to augment and assist during critical times.

COMMUNITY OPERATIONS

Community operations have expanded during this year. With the donation of a used ambulance, and funding through grant awards, we were able to build and equip a mobile command/crime scene unit. This vehicle will serve many functions within the department. First, as a mobile command post, we are able to further control at a more localized level, any incident that we must deal with. This includes co-ordination of resources and dispatching of key personnel. The vehicle also serves as a mobile police station allowing officers to have more presence and visibility at town civic functions, events, outreach programs and initiatives. The vehicle is also equipped with the necessary materials to process and investigate any crime scene that we may encounter. It also provides an area close to any scene in which detectives or other officers can process evidence, secure materials and conduct investigations. On-board generator and lighting functions allow the vehicle to be placed in service during any emergency at almost any location.

Outreach programs, including "office hours" at the public library and council on aging, have met with great success. We continue to expand these programs as resources permit including expanded visibility at NARA, bicycle patrols, informational displays at civic events, participation in local organizations, domestic violence initiatives, student intern programs, Oktoberfest and Project Graduation to name just a few.

TRAINING

Training of our officers continues to be a priority of the Special Services Division. In addition to semi-annual firearm qualifications and annual in-service training at regional police academies, Acton officers have received advanced and specialized training. All officers have participated in advanced legal update training, domestic violence training, critical incident response and secure school incident training. Additionally, all officers have been familiarized with physical layout and potential problem areas of major buildings including the High School, Junior High and other key facilities within the town. Command officers have had specialized training in terrorism, gangs, racial profiling, hate crimes, less lethal weapons and response to school crisis. One sergeant attended command training at Babson College, sergeant is scheduled for training in the fall. On completion, all command officers will have attended the Babson course.

Detectives have attended advanced training in search warrants, criminal law and investigation. Two more officers have been certified as rape investigators, expanding the abilities of the detectives to further deal with sensitive investigations.

Patrol officers have received specialized training in criminal

law, advanced detection of impaired drivers, hate crime detection and domestic violence investigation and intervention. Additionally, the department currently has several officers at instructor levels for a variety of subjects including radar operation, firearms, infrared breath testing and criminal law.

DETECTIVES

The Detective Division continues to do exceptional and professional work in the area of investigations. With the addition of a full time detective, and part time juvenile officer, the investigative role of the department has been able to keep up with an ever-increasing caseload. Most noteworthy, detectives were able to solve several crimes and bring to successful prosecution the responsible parties in several major "tagging" incidents, a number of drug arrests, several within "school zone" areas, the solving of a number of burglaries that spanned several years in Acton, with the recovery of hundreds of thousands of dollars in stolen property. Detectives have continued to expand and participate regularly with county, state and multi-jurisdictional task forces.

YOUTH SERVICES

The Youth Services Division of the police department continues to expand its role with the youth of Acton. The division is responsible for many different activities including; investigations of crimes involving victims and/or perpetrators who are under the age of 17, children's programs regarding safety, displays at area events, child safety seat checkpoints, meeting with community leaders and the continuation of the DARE program.

The Youth Services Division currently consists of one full time Detective Youth Officer (Scott Howe) and a part-time Youth Officer (Lisa Driscoll). Det. Howe has been trained in the DARE program and has been teaching at the elementary schools since 1998. The DARE program also provides two e-mail addresses for students, teachers and parents to answer questions and concerns. The addresses are scotthowe@rcn.com and dare@ma.ultranet.com. The DARE division also applied and received a grant from the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs to assist the program in all of the elementary schools.

The youth officers have begun a cooperative effort with the Junior High School in their program of instructing the students in their Health and Wellness program. The program has previously been taught within the Junior High. Through the cooperation of the Junior High Administration, the program has been expanded to use the resources of our youth officers.

Weekly, the youth officer(s) attend meetings with the Acton Boxborough Regional High School administration, the Raymond J. Grey Junior High School administration and the Juvenile Probation department of the Concord District Court. Additionally, there are monthly Community Based Justice Meetings

which involve the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office, Concord, Bedford, Maynard, Stow, and Lexington school and police officials. These meetings allow information to flow between the agencies to identify and address potential problems.

The youth division has also expanded its role in safety programs aimed at younger children. Several elementary schools have benefited from a kindergarten and first grade safety program created by their teachers and Det. Howe. These safety programs instruct the children in topics such as pedestrian safety, strangers and information regarding the use of 911. The youth division assists with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Brownies in their instruction of safety with speeches and tours of the police station.

The Youth Services Division also assists with community services. The community services include displays and information at Oktoberfest, NARA, the Memorial Library, elementary school open houses and the Civilian Police Academy. These displays include informal discussions and handouts regarding safety issues, fingerprinting and community concerns.

To assist with Community Services, Det. Howe and Ptl. Kevin Heffernan were trained by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in the correct installation of child safety seats. The two officers offer their expertise in correctly installing child safety seats in vehicles.

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

The past year was a difficult one at the department. Staff turnover and injuries continued and made it difficult to fill shifts on a regular basis. The new Town sewer project added to the burden and the thriving economy resulted in more construction and public works projects all over Town. Traffic issues continue to be our biggest problem with no solution in sight. As the Town grows it places more demands on the department and Town services in general.

We continue to implement new community policing projects in order to provide better services to the citizens and daily visitors to Acton. Our Domestic Violence Intervention Unit had a positive impact on the domestic violence problem and resulted in a significant decline in the number of calls.

We continue to work toward a new public safety facility and state accreditation. The condition of the existing police station is such that it becomes more difficult each year to accommodate the needs of our officers, civilian employees and the citizen visitors to the station.

The utilization of State and Federal grants has helped our department function better and allowed us to continue most of the programs that have been detailed in the prior sections.

The Community Policing philosophy remains a priority for our department and the department is committed to providing the best service to the citizens of Acton at all times. I sincerely thank the citizens of Acton and all of the members of our department for their collective efforts towards the goals and programs we set every year.

Francis J. Widmayer III
Chief of Police

ACTON POST/CREW 7 SEARCH & RESCUE

Explorer Post/Venturer Crew 7 is a division of the Boy Scouts of America, sponsored by the Acton Lions Club, in conjunction with the Acton Emergency Management Agency. Meetings are held every Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM at the Emergency Management Headquarters on School Street in South Acton. New members, both male and female, between 14 and 22 years old are always welcome. If interested, please call 978-264-9655 and leave a brief message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

We participated in many town activities including the annual Town Fair, Conant School Craft Fair, the Acton Lions Club Ski & Skate Sale, Winterfest at NARA and the Acton-Boxborough Pep rally.

Our Advisors and Members are annually certified in First Aid and CPR. In addition, some of our members are certified as First Responders. We attended Boy Scout Camporees and Council Events to provide First Aid Services as needed.

We wish to thank the Acton Lions Club for their continuing sponsorship in giving the youth of today the opportunity to work toward a better tomorrow.

Members

Gail Sawyer – Advisor
Ann Jones – Associate Advisor
Edward Reilly – Associate Advisor
Seth Campbell – Associate Advisor
Charles Landry – Committee Chairman
Mark Casey – Member
Christina Constantzos – Member
Jennifer Constantzos – Member
Scott Landry – Member
Steve Lombardo – Member
Chris Ouellette – Member
Tom Pare' – Member
Lori Sawyer – Member
Jared Stone – Member
Michael Stone – Member
Edward Warren – Member

LEGISLATIVE

TOWN OF ACTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 3, 2000

Number of Registered voters attending Town Meeting

APRIL 3, 735 APRIL 4, 290 APRIL 5, 151

The Moderator, Mr. MacKenzie, called the meeting to order on Monday April 3, 2000 at 7:00pm. He introduced Reverend Frank Gulinello, Jr. Reverend Gulinello gave the invocation.

Mr. MacKenzie introduced Herman Kabakoff, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Kabakoff introduced the members of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager, Town Counsel, Town Clerk, Town Accountant and the Assistant Town Manager. Mr. Kabakoff also noted that this was the last meeting where Mr. Friedrichs would attend as a member of the Board of Selectmen and thanked Mr. Friedrichs for his six (6) years of service to the Board and also for serving on several other boards.

Mr. MacKenzie then introduced John Prendiville, Chairman of the Finance Committee. Mr. Prendiville introduced the members of the Finance Committee.

Mr. MacKenzie informed town meeting that they would be voting on the motions that are read, not the articles as written in the warrant. He then explained some basic rules and regulations of the town meeting.

Mr. MacKenzie explained how the CONSENT CALENDAR was voted and proceeded to read the articles on the Consent Calendar:

ARTICLE	CONSENT MOTION
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| 3** | Council on Aging Enterprise Budget: Move that the Town raise and appropriate \$50,962 for the purpose of operating the Town of Acton Senior and Handicapped Citizen Van service, and to raise such amount \$40,962 be transferred from the Council on Aging Enterprise Fund, and \$10,000 be raised and appropriated. |
| 4** | Nursing Enterprise Fund: Move that the Town raise and appropriate \$494,082 for the purpose of operating the Public Health Nursing Service, and to raise such amount \$494,082 be transferred from the Nursing Enterprise Fund. |

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| 5** | Septage Disposal Enterprise Budget: Move that the Town raise and appropriate \$175,992 for the purpose of septage disposal, and to raise such amount \$175,992 be transferred from the Septage Disposal Enterprise Fund. |
| 6** | NESWC Enterprise Fund: Move that the Town raise and appropriate \$3,136,672 for the purpose of trash disposal, and to raise such amount \$2,469,672 be transferred from the NESWC Enterprise Fund, and \$667,000 be raised and appropriated. |
| 8** | Section 53 1/2 Self-Funding Programs: Move that the revolving funds for the Local School System, Historic District Commission, Building Department, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Health Department, and Fire Department be continued for FY01 in the amounts and for the purposes set forth in the expense column of this article. |
| 9** | Chapter 90 Highway Reimbursement Program: Move that the Town Manager is authorized to accept Highway funds from all sources and such funds are hereby appropriated for highway purposes. |
| 10** | Emergency/Disaster Aid Appropriations: Move in the words of the article. |
| 11** | Merriam School Offset Receipts Budget: Move that the Town raise and appropriate \$19,480 for the purpose of maintaining the Merriam School Building, and to raise such amount \$19,480 be transferred from the Merriam School Offset Receipts Budget. |
| 23** | Town Board Support-Special Projects: Move that the Town raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the on-going expenses of the Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council. |
| 24** | Plowing of Private Ways: Move that the Town raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be expended by the Town Manager for plowing of private ways open to public use as designated by the Board of Selectmen. |
| 32** | Sale of Foreclosed Properties: Move in the words of the article. |
| 43** | Elderly Tax Relief – Reauthorize Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986: Move in the words of the article. |
| 45** | Street Acceptances: Move that the Town accept as a public way the streets listed in the Article, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen according to the plans on file with the Town Clerk, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to take the fee or easements for drainage, utility, or other purposes where shown on said plan or described in the Order of Layout. |

- 47** Accept Land Gift – 10 Carlisle Road: Move in the words of the article.
- 48** Accept Land Gift – Carlton Drive Extension: Move in the words of the article.
- 49** Accept Land Gift – 35 Main Street: Move in the words of the article.
- 50** Acceptance of Sidewalk Easement – High Street: Move in the words of the article.
- 51** Acceptance of Sidewalk Easement – Pope Road: Move in the words of the article.

CONSENT CALENDAR CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 1 CHOOSE TOWN OFFICERS (Majority Vote Required)

To choose all necessary Town Officers and Committees and to fix the salaries and compensation of all the elective officers of the Town as follows:

Moderator	\$20.00 per Town Meeting session
Board of Selectmen Chairman	\$750.00 per year
Member	\$650.00 per year

or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Kabakoff moves that the Town fix the compensation for elected officers as shown in the warrant.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Cornelia O. Huber, Chairperson of the Elizabeth White Fund, nominates Francis Joyner for the position of Trustee of the Elizabeth White Fund, term to expire 2003.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Joseph A. Conquest nominates Allen H. Nelson for the position of Trustee of the Fireman's Relief Fund, term to expire 2003.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Frederick A. Harris, Trustee of the Fireman's Relief Fund of West Acton, nominates Edward Bennett, for the position of Trustee of the Fireman's Relief Fund of West Acton, term to expire 2003.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Shirley Towle nominates Mabel Grekula for the position of Trustee of the Charlotte Goodnow Fund, term to expire 2003.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

The Trustees of the West Acton Citizens' Library nominate Peter J. Guilmette for the position of Trustee of the West Acton Citizens' Library, term to expire 2003.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 2 HEAR AND ACCEPT REPORTS (Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will accept reports and hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen at any previous Town Meeting that has not already reported, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Kabakoff moves that the Town accepts the reports of the various Town Officers and Boards as set forth in the 1999 Town Report and that the Moderator calls for any other reports.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Moderator calls for any other reports. There were no other reports.

ARTICLE 3 COUNCIL ON AGING VAN ENTERPRISE BUDGET (Majority Vote Required)**

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 4 NURSING ENTERPRISE BUDGET (Majority Vote Required)**

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 5 SEPTAGE DISPOSAL ENTERPRISE BUDGET (Majority Vote Required)**

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 6 NESWC ENTERPRISE BUDGET (Majority Vote Required)**

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 7 SEWER ENTERPRISE BUDGET
(Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Sewer Enterprise Fund in accordance with Mass General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F1/2, for the purpose of holding and accounting for all revenues, receipts and funds from any sources for the construction, operation and maintenance of sewer collection and treatment facilities in the town and appropriate the sum of \$94,000, or any other sum, for such purposes and to raise such amount \$94,000 shall be transferred from funds appropriated in the FY01 Budget, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Shupert moves that the Town establish a Sewer Enterprise Fund for the purpose of holding and accounting for all revenues, receipts and funds from any source for the construction, operation and maintenance of sewer collection and treatment facilities in the town, and appropriate \$94,000 for such purposes, and to raise such amount, \$94,000 be transferred from the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 8 SECTION 53E1/2 SELF-FUNDING PROGRAMS**
(Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Section 53E1/2 of Chapter 44 of the Mass General Laws to continue revolving funds for the Local School system, Historic District Commission, Building Department, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Health Inspectional Services, and Fire Department Fire Alarm Network, or take any other action relative thereto.

	FUND BALANCE 6/30/99	REVENUE FY2001	EXPENSE FY2001
School Department			
Douglas At Dawn	\$-2,474	\$20,000	\$20,000
Merriam Afternoons/Summer	\$105	\$20,000	\$20,000
Gates Amazing Mornings	\$3,783	\$20,000	\$20,000
Historic District Commission	\$419	\$400	\$600
Building Department			
(Includes fees for Micro Filming,\$30,134		\$111,000	\$110,947
Electrical Permits, Plumbing Permits			
Gas Permits, Sign Licenses and			
Licenses and Periodic Inspection Fees)			
Sealer of Weights and Measures	\$792	\$7,200	\$7,180
Health Department			
Food Service Inspections	\$12,287	\$ 20,500	\$ 20,163
Hazardous Materials Inspections	\$38,829	\$ 20,500	\$ 20,288
Fire Department			
Fire Alarm Network	\$43,373	\$ 35,000	\$ 34,720

CONSENT MOTION: Mr. Friedrichs moves that the revolving funds for the Local School System, Historic District Commission, Building Department, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Health Department, and Fire Department be continued for FY01 in the amounts and for the purposes set forth in the expense column of this article.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 9 CHAPTER 90 HIGHWAY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM**
(Majority Vote Required)

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 10 EMERGENCY/DISASTER AID APPROPRIATIONS**
(Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any Federal Government and State Government reimbursement for costs incurred as a result of any declared emergencies or other unusual occurrences during Fiscal Year 2001, or take any other action relative thereto.

CONSENT MOTION: Mr. Friedrichs moves in the words of the Article.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 11 MERRIAM SCHOOL OFFSET RECEIPTS BUDGET**
(Majority Vote Required)

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 12 BUDGET TRANSFER
(Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, an amount of money to be used in conjunction with funds appropriated under the current fiscal year's budgets to be used during the current fiscal year, or make any other adjustments to the current fiscal year budgets and appropriations that may be necessary, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Kabakoff moves that the Town take no action.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Prendiville, Chairman of the Finance Committee gave a presentation.

ARTICLE 13 TOWN OPERATING BUDGET
(Majority Vote Required)

To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, to defray the necessary expenses of the departments, offices and boards of the Town, exclusive of the school budgets, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Kabakoff moves that the Town Budget for the period July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001, in the amount of \$14,999,292 be raised and appropriated in its entirety, except that \$69,435 be transferred from the Cemetery Trust Funds for Cemetery Use, and that \$8,500 be transferred from the Wetlands Filing Fees for use by the Natural Resources Department, and further that the Town Manager be authorized to sell, trade or dispose of vehicles and equipment being replaced and to expend any proceeds received.

Mr. Kabakoff, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, gave a presentation on the Municipal Budget.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 14 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT
(Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to be expended by the Town Manager for the replacement or improvement of facilities and equipment as listed below:

A.	Town Hall Roof Repairs	\$ 70,000
B.	Telephone Systems	\$ 30,000
C.	Portable Generator	\$ 15,000
D.	Fork Lift	\$ 26,000
Total		\$141,000

or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Hunter moves that the Town raise and appropriate \$141,000 to be expended by the Town Manager for the purpose of purchasing equipment as listed in this article, and further that the Town Manager be authorized to sell, trade or dispose of equipment being replaced and to expend any proceeds received.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 15 CAPITALIMPROVEMENTS/VEHICLES
(Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to be expended by the

Town Manager for the purchase and replacement of vehicles as listed below:

A.	Highway Superintendent's Vehicle	\$27,000
B.	Municipal Properties Vehicle	\$34,000
C.	Fire Vehicle #30	\$40,000
Total		\$101,000

or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Hunter moves that the Town raise and appropriate \$101,000 to be expended by the Town Manager for the purpose of purchasing new vehicles and replacing vehicles as listed in the Article and that the Town Manager be authorized to sell, trade, or dispose of vehicles being replaced and to expend any proceeds received.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 16 STATE CERTIFICATION OF PROPERTY VALUES
(Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$75,000, or any other sum, for the purpose of establishing the full and fair cash value of all real estate within the jurisdiction of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Ashton moves that the Town raise and appropriate \$75,000 to be expended by the Town Manager for the purpose of establishing the full and fair cash value of all real estate within the jurisdiction of the Town.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 17 LAND ACQUISITION - CARLISLE ROAD
(2/3 Vote Required)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, or authorize the Treasurer to borrow a sum of money, which borrowing shall be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 Debt Exclusion Override, to be expended by the Town Manager for the purpose of acquiring by purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise, all or part of the land on Carlisle Road shown as Parcel 104 on Assessors' Map C-5; Parcels 11, 12, 13 and 14 on Assessors' Map C-6; Parcel 12 on Assessors' Map D-5 and Parcels 1, 2 and 2-1 on Assessors' Map D-6, for conservation, recreation and other general municipal purposes and to authorize the Town Manager to apply for any available State and Federal reimbursements for such purposes, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Ashton moves that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the acquisition by purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise of all or part of the 234 +/- acres of land on Carlisle Road shown as Parcel 104 on Assessors' Map C-5; Parcels 11, 12, 13 and 14 on Assessors' Map C-6; Parcel 12 on Assessors' Map D-5 and Parcels 1, 2 and 2-1 on Assessors' Map D-6, and that an area not greater than 60 acres be held for recreational purposes, including supporting infrastructure, with the remainder to be held for conservation purposes, to be managed and controlled by the Town of Acton Conservation Commission pursuant to the provisions of G.L. 40, 8C, and that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,875,000 to be expended by the Town Manager for said acquisition, bond issuance costs, and other costs incidental thereto; and to raise such amount, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$6,875,000 under G.L. Chapter 44; and that the Town raise and appropriate \$225,000 for the payment of interest and costs incidental thereto, and that the Town Manager is authorized to apply for, enter into agreements concerning, accept and expend any Federal and State Grants available for these purposes including but not limited to the Commonwealth's Executive Office of Environmental Affairs Self-Help Grants, provided however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town obtains two additional appraisals of the property and votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. Chapter 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½) amounts required to pay the principal and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.

TOTAL 657 YES 607 NO 50

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION: Mr. Kabakoff moves to adjourn the town meeting at 10:43 PM until Tuesday, April 4, 2000 at 7:00PM

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:05PM, Tuesday, April 4, 2000

ARTICLE 18 SENIOR-CENTER ACQUISITION
(Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept as a gift from the Audubon Hill North and Audubon Hill South Condominium Association, a parcel of land and buildings thereon identified as Lot E, as set forth in the lease between the Audubon Hill North Condominium Association, the Audubon Hill South Condominium Association and the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Acton, dated November 1, 1993, and further described in a Comprehensive Development Agreement dated July 25, 1989, and recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds at Book 19966, Page 008, together with such easements or rights of access as the Board of

Selectmen, with advice of Town Counsel, determine to be necessary, provided that such action shall not change the purposes for which this facility may be used as set forth in such agreement, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Shupert moves to take no action.

MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 19 POLICE/FIRE FEASIBILITY STUDY
(Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$35,000, or any other sum, to be expended by the Town Manager for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study for Public Safety facilities, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Hunter moves that the Town raise and appropriate \$35,000 to be expended by the Town Manager for professional services to conduct a feasibility study for Public Safety facilities, and other costs incidental thereto.

MOTION CARRIES

Mr. MacKenzie informed Town Meeting attendees that "Know Your Town" booklets were being sold for \$8.00 in the lobby by the League of Women Voters.

ARTICLE 20 COMPREHENSIVE WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN
(2/3 Vote Required)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds or borrow from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, or otherwise, a sum of money to be expended by the Town Manager for the purpose of completing a comprehensive water resources management plan, including, without limitation, all costs and any related expenses thereof, as defined in Chapter 29C of the Mass General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Shupert moves that the Town appropriate \$500,000 to be expended by the Town Manager for the purpose of completing a comprehensive water resources management plan, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the

project or for the financing thereof; and that the Town Manager is authorized to enter into a Project Regulatory Agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project as set forth in the article, and that to raise such amount, the Town Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, expend and borrow in anticipation of any Federal and State Grants available for these purposes; and that the Town raise and appropriate \$25,000 for the payment of interest and underwriting costs on such borrowing in Fiscal Year 2001.

TOTAL VOTE 108 YES 100 NO 8

MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 21 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS-RAIL
TRAIL FEASIBILITY
(Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$25,000, or any other sum, to be expended by the Town Manager for the purpose of a feasibility study, or any other investigation, into the creation of a rail trail in North and East Acton, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Shupert moves that the Town raise and appropriate \$25,000 to be expended by the Town Manager for the purpose of a feasibility study for the creation of a rail trail in North and East Acton, and other costs incidental thereto.

MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 22 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTSASSABET
RIVER RAIL TRAIL DESIGN AND
CONSTRUCTION
(2/3 Vote Required)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, or borrow, \$900,000, or any other sum, to be expended by the Town Manager for the purpose of financing the planning, design and construction of the Acton portion of the Assabet River Rail Trail, or any portion thereof, including, without limitation, all costs and any related expenses thereof, and to authorize the Town Manager to apply for, accept, expend and borrow in anticipation of any Federal and State Grants available for these purposes, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Shupert moves to take no action.

MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 23** TOWN BOARD SUPPORT – SPECIAL
PROJECTS
(Majority Vote Required)

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 24** PLOWING OF PRIVATE WAYS
(Majority Vote Required)

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 25 AMEND TOWN BYLAW - SECTION P,
HISTORIC DISTRICT BYLAW
(Majority Vote)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws, Section P1. Purpose, by adding the following sentence at the end of the paragraph:

“However, it is not the intent of this bylaw to limit the contemporary uses of the significant buildings and places, or their settings, beyond that which would otherwise be permitted absent this bylaw.” such that the revised paragraph reads:

“Section P1. Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to aid in the preservation and protection of the distinctive characteristics and architecture of buildings and places significant in the history of the Town of Acton, the maintenance and improvement of their settings and the encouragement of new building designs compatible with the existing architecture. However, it is not the intent of this bylaw to limit the contemporary uses of the significant buildings and places, or their settings, beyond that which would otherwise be permitted absent this bylaw.”

and amend Section P9. Exclusions, subsection 9.1.2, by replacing the period after the word “level” with a comma and adding the following:

“are excluded. Paved or hardened surfaces substantially at original or modified grade levels, intended for off street parking of numbers of non-commercial passenger vehicles which are compatible with the legal uses of the entire lot or property are among the objects considered to be STRUCTURES similar to terraces, walks, driveways and sidewalks and are therefor excluded.”

Such that the revised paragraph reads:

“9.1.2 Terraces, walks, driveways, sidewalks and similar STRUCTURES, provided that any such STRUCTURE is substantially at grade level, are excluded. Paved or hardened surfaces substantially at original or modified grade levels, intended

for off street parking of numbers of non-commercial passenger vehicles which are compatible with the legal uses of the entire lot or property are among the objects considered to be STRUCTURES similar to terraces, walks, driveways and sidewalks and are therefor excluded."

MOTION: Mr. Hunter moves to take no action.

MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 26 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION (Majority Vote)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact a special law establishing an Economic Development and Industrial Corporation for the Town of Acton, substantially in the following form:

ACTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION

AN ACT establishing the Acton Economic Development and Industrial Corporation.

SECTION 1. As used in this act, the following words and phrases shall, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context, have the following meanings:

"Corporation", the Acton Economic Development and Industrial Corporation created by section three.

"Cost of a project", all costs, whether incurred prior to or after the issue of bonds or notes hereunder, of acquisition, site development, construction, improvement, enlargement, reconstruction, alteration, machinery, equipment, furnishings, demolition or removal of existing buildings or structures, including the cost of acquiring any lands to which such buildings or structures may be moved, financing charges, interest prior to and during the carrying out of any project, interest for up to two years after completion or estimate completion date of any project, planning, engineering and legal service, administrative expense, the funding of notes issued for capital purposes, such reserve for debt service or other capital or current expenses as may be required by a trust agreement or resolution securing notes or bonds, and all other expenses incidental to the determination of the feasibility of any project or to carrying out the project or to placing the project in operation.

"Economic development area", any blighted open area or any decadent area, as respectively defined in section one of chapter one hundred twenty-one B of the General Laws, which is located in the town of Acton and is zoned for general or restricted manufacturing uses or for general industrial uses whether restricted or not, or for commercial and business uses, or any open and underutilized land which is suitably zoned

for the kinds of activities identified in section three, including but not limited to research and development, commercial, light industrial and business uses and within which there are not more than forty-five dwelling units.

"Economic development plan", a detailed plan, as it may be approved from time to time by town meeting as herein provided, for one or more economic development projects within an economic development area, which plan shall be consistent with local objectives respecting appropriate land uses, and shall be sufficiently complete to indicate the boundaries of the area,

such land acquisition, such demolition, removal, and rehabilitation of structures, and such development, redevelopment and general public improvements as may be proposed to be carried out within such area, zoning and planning changes, if any, and proposed land uses, maximum densities and building requirements; provided, however, that without specific approval by town meeting no economic development plan shall propose zoning changes.

"Economic development project", (1) a project to be undertaken in accordance with an economic development plan for acquisition by the corporation of land and the improvements thereon, if any, within an economic development area covered by an economic development plan and for clearance and development of the land so acquired; or (2) a project for the rehabilitation or conservation of an economic development area, or for the demolition, removal, or rehabilitation of improvements on land within an economic development area whenever necessary to eliminate unhealthful, unsanitary or unsafe conditions, lessen density, mitigate or eliminate traffic congestion, reduce traffic hazards, or eliminate obsolete or other uses detrimental to the public welfare; or (3) for one or more qualifying industrial, commercial and business uses; or (4) a project involving any combination of the foregoing types of project. An economic development project may include improvements necessary for carrying out the objectives of the economic development project, together with such site improvements as are necessary for the preparation of any site for uses in accordance with the economic development plan, and making any land or improvements acquired in the area of the project available for redevelopment or rehabilitation by private enterprise, including sale, initial leasing or retention by the corporation for industrial, commercial, business or manufacturing uses contemplated by the economic development plan. An economic development project may also include the construction by the corporation of any of the buildings, structures or other facilities for industrial, commercial, business, or manufacturing uses contemplated by the economic development plan and the repair, removal or rehabilitation by the corporation of any of the buildings, structures or other facilities located in the area covered by the economic development plan which, under such plan, are to be repaired, moved or rehabilitated.

"Pollution control facilities", facilities for the prevention, avoidance, reduction, control, abatement or elimination of pollution of air or waters by industrial, commercial, or business establishments by any means.

"Selectmen", the Board of Selectmen of the town of Acton.

"Town", the town of Acton.

"Town Manager", the town manager of the town of Acton.

"Town meeting", town meeting of the town of Acton acting in a lawfully convened session.

SECTION 2. It is hereby declared that decadent or blighted open areas exist in certain portions of the town and that each such area constitutes a serious and growing menace, injurious and inimical to the safety, health, morals and welfare of the residents of the town; that each such area constitutes an economic liability, substantially, impairs or arrests the sound growth of the town, and retards the economic well being of the commonwealth; that each decreases the value of private investments and threatens the sources of public revenue; that redevelopment of each such area in accordance with an economic development plan for the elimination of substandard conditions and the prevention of their recurrence is necessary to retain existing industries, commerce, and businesses, and attract new industries, commerce, and business and promote the sound economic

growth of the town; that the menace of such decadent or blighted open areas is beyond remedy and control solely by regulatory process in the exercise of the police power and cannot be dealt with effectively by the ordinary operations of private enterprise without the aid herein provided; that the acquisition of property for the purpose of eliminating decadent, substandard, or blighted open conditions therein, preventing recurrence of such conditions in the area, the removal of structures and improvements of sites for manufacturing, industrial, commercial and business uses, the disposition of the property for redevelopment incidental to the foregoing, the exercise of powers by the corporation and any assistance which may be given by the town, or any other public body in connection therewith are public uses and purposes for which public money may be expended and the power of eminent domain exercised; and that the acquisition, planning, clearance, development, rehabilitation or rebuilding of such decadent and blighted open areas for industrial, manufacturing, commercial and business purposes, are public uses and benefits for which private property may be acquired by eminent domain or regulated by wholesome and reasonable orders, laws and directions and for which public funds may be expended for the good and welfare of the town and of this commonwealth.

It is hereby further found and declared that there exists in the town a condition of substantial underemployment which causes hardship to many individuals and families, wastes vital human

resources, increases the public assistance burdens, impairs the security of family life, impedes the economic and physical development of the town and adversely affects the welfare and prosperity of the people; that underemployment has been caused in part by industrial companies moving from the town; that various existing industrial and manufacturing facilities within the town are obsolete and inefficient; that such facilities are underutilized or vacated, thereby creating lack of employment opportunities that the manufacturing and industrial sector of the economy, and commercial and business enterprises, provide the best immediate opportunities for better jobs at higher wages for inhabitants of the town; that new industrial and manufacturing sites, and sites for commercial and business enterprises are required to attract and house new industries and businesses and to retain existing industries in need of expansion space; that the unaided efforts of private enterprise have not provided and cannot provide the necessary industrial, commercial and business sites within the town due to problems encountered in the assembly of suitable building sites, the provision of adequate public services, the unavailability of sufficient private capital for development, and the inability of private enterprise alone to plan, finance and coordinate industrial, commercial and business development projects

It is hereby further found and declared: that there exists considerable open and underutilized land, in large part brownfields land, suitable for industrial, commercial and business development; an adjacent blighted area; that there is substantial underemployment that exists in the town of Acton due to corporate mergers and downsizing of the major employer in Acton; that there has been a significant reduction in commercial and industrial property tax revenue share; that there exists a substantial number of home businesses that have moved out of town when they have outgrown their space within the home due to lack of available industrial, commercial and business building space, and that Acton is experiencing increased formidable competition from nearby areas of rapid economic growth.

SECTION 3. The town of Acton is hereby authorized to organize an economic development corporation to be known as the Acton Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, a public body politic and corporate. No such corporation, however, shall be organized, transact any business, employ any personnel or exercise any powers until the town, at an annual town meeting

or a special town meeting called for the purpose, shall by majority vote declare a need for such a corporation.

There shall be seven members of the board of directors of the corporation who shall be appointed by the selectmen. At least one member shall be experienced in industrial or commercial development, one in financial matters, one in real estate matters, one in municipal government, and one member shall be from the community at large. The appointing authority shall designate one of the seven members as chairman and another as vice-chairman. Each of the seven members shall be sworn to

the faithful performance of his official duties as a director of the corporation. A majority of the seven directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business, but the action of a majority of the entire board shall be necessary for any transaction. For the purposes of section eleven A of chapter thirty A of the General Laws, the corporation shall be deemed to be an authority established by the general court to serve a public purpose in the commonwealth.

Of the members of the corporation first appointed, two shall be appointed to serve for one year from the first day of July in the current year, two for two years from said date, and three for three years from said date. Upon the expiration of the term of office of any such member, or of any subsequent member, his successor shall be appointed in like manner for a term of three years. In the event of a vacancy in the office of a member, his successor shall be appointed in like manner to serve for the unexpired term. Unless reappointed, no member of the corporation shall hold office after the expiration of his term; and the appointment of a successor to any person whose term has expired shall be for the remainder of the term which would have begun at such expiration if the successor had then been appointed.

Any member may be removed by the board of selectmen for malfeasance, misfeasance, or willful neglect of duty, but only after reasonable notice and a public hearing, unless the same are in writing expressly waived. For purposes of chapter two hundred sixty-eight A of the General Laws, the members of the corporation shall be deemed to be special municipal employees.

Before the issuance of any bonds under the provisions of this act, each member of the corporation shall execute a surety bond with a surety company authorized to transact business in this commonwealth as surety, in the penal sum of fifty thousand dollars conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of his office, each such surety bond to be approved by the legal counsel of the town and filed in the office of the state secretary. The members of the corporation shall receive no compensation for the performance of their duties hereunder, but each member shall be reimbursed for expenses actually incurred in the performance of his duties. Every such reimbursement shall be open to public inspection from and after the requisition therefore.

SECTION 4. The directors of the corporation shall adopt a corporate seal for the corporation, and designate the custodian thereof; may from time to time appoint and at pleasure remove a clerk, a treasurer or such other officers of the corporation as they may deem necessary, and may determine their duties and their compensation, which shall be paid by the corporation; shall cause at all times accurate accounts to be kept of all receipts and expenditures of the funds of the corporation; and shall make a report annually in December to the board of selectmen, containing an abstract of such accounts and detailed information of all receipts and expenditures, including prices paid for land purchased or taken and any buildings constructed

thereon, contracts for construction of facilities and for the leasing thereof, and such other detailed information as may be deemed helpful. The office of treasurer and clerk may be held by the same person. The corporation shall cause an audit of its books and accounts to be made at least once in each fiscal year by certified public accountants and the cost thereof shall be treated as an item of current expense. Except as otherwise provided in this act, the corporation shall have full power to exercise care of its property and the management of its business and affairs, and to sell and convey any real estate or other property not needed for its business or affairs, by deed or other instrument sealed with the corporate seal, signed and acknowledged by a majority of the board of directors or in like manner to authorize such sale and conveyance by any of its officers or agents.

The treasurer shall give bond for the faithful performance of his duties, with a surety company authorized to do business in this commonwealth as surety, in such sum as the said board may determine, the premium therefore to be paid by the corporation. Neither chapter thirty-one of the General Laws nor any rule made thereunder shall apply to any person employed or engaged by the corporation under this act.

SECTION 5. The corporation is hereby authorized:

- (a) To sue and be sued in its own name, and plead and be impleaded.
- (b) To adopt by-laws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business, and to alter the same at its pleasure.
- (c) To make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers under this act, and to employ consulting engineers, superintendents, managers, and such other engineers, construction and accounting experts and attorneys and such other employees, agents and consultants as may be necessary in its judgment, and to fix their compensation.
- (d) To receive and accept from any federal agency, the commonwealth or the town grants, loans or advances for or in aid of an economic development project or projects and to receive and accept contributions from any source of either money, property, labor or other things of value, to be held, used and applied for the purposes for which such grants, loans, advances and contributions may be made. The town may borrow outside its debt limits to obtain money for loan to the corporation, or within its debt limits to obtain money for grants to a corporation.

- (e) To borrow money, and, from time to time, to make, accept, endorse, execute, and issue bonds, debentures, promissory notes, bills of exchange, and other obligations of the corporation, for moneys borrowed or in payment for property acquired or for any of the other purposes of the corporation, and to secure the payment of such obligations by mortgage, pledge, deed, indenture, agreement, or other instrument of trust, or by other lien upon, assignment of, or agreement in regard to all or any part of the property, rights, or privileges of the corporation.
- (f) To issue revenue bonds of the corporation, payable solely from revenues, for the purpose of paying all or any part of the cost of a project or projects, except that the town may, upon request by the corporation, pledge its full faith and credit to the solvency of a corporation.
- (g) To invest any funds not required for immediate use or disbursement in certificates of deposit or in obligations of the government of the United States or in obligations the payment of the principal of, and interest on, which is guaranteed by the government of the United States.
- (h) To provide such advisory services and technical assistance as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of this act.
- (i) To prepare or cause to be prepared plans, designs, drawings, specifications and estimates of cost for the construction, reconstruction, development, redevelopment, rehabilitation, remodeling, alteration or repair of economic development projects and from time to time modify such plans, designs, drawings, specifications and estimates.
- (j) To finance pollution control facilities in the same manner provided by this act for economic development projects, in which event all provisions of this act which are applicable to economic development projects apply to the pollution control facilities, insofar as such provisions are apt, except as otherwise provided.
- (k) Subject to the approval of the town meeting to designate areas of the town as economic development areas.
- (l) To acquire and hold by bequest, devise, grant, gift, purchase, exchange, lease, judicial order or decree, or otherwise, for any of its objects and purposes, any property, either real or personal, or any interest therein; and without limiting the generality of the

foregoing, to acquire by purchase or otherwise, on such terms and conditions and in such manner as it may deem proper, or by the exercise of the power of eminent domain following a public hearing and an affirmative two thirds vote at an annual town meeting or a special town meeting called for the purpose, with the provisions of chapter seventy-nine or chapter eighty A of the General Laws in so far as such provisions may be applicable, such private lands, or any interests therein, as it may deem necessary for carrying out the provisions of this act or for providing for the relocation of persons and businesses displaced as a result of carrying out an economic development plan. The provisions of section forty of said chapter seventy-nine shall apply to any taking by the corporation, except that the security therein required shall be deposited with the treasurer of the town and shall be in an amount at least twenty-five per cent higher than the aggregate average assessed valuations in the three previous calendar years of all real estate to be taken by eminent domain. Prior to approval of an economic development plan by the town after such a public hearing and in the manner described in this subsection, the date as of which the value of such lands shall be determined for eminent domain purposes shall be the date on which the said economic development plan was first submitted to town meeting.

- (m) To make relocation payments to persons and businesses displaced as a result of carrying out an economic development plan, including such payments on a pro tanto basis.
- (n) To procure insurance against any loss in connection with its property and other assets and operations in such amounts and from such insurers as it deems desirable.
- (o) To clear and improve property acquired by it, and to engage in or contract for the construction, reconstruction, development, redevelopment, rehabilitation, remodeling, alteration or repair thereof.
- (p) To arrange or contract with the town for the planning, re-planning, opening, grading or closing of streets, roads, alleys or other places or for the furnishing of facilities or for the acquisition by the town of property or property rights or for the furnishing of property or services in connection with a project or projects.
- (q) To sell, convey, mortgage, lease, transfer option, exchange or otherwise dispose of, any property, either real or personal, or any interest therein, as the objects and purposes of the corporation may

require, subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by law.

- (r) To loan on mortgages, including purchase money mortgages, on real estate and personal property within economic development areas, to foreclose the same when in default, and to bid for and purchase property at any foreclosure or other sale; and in such event, to deal with such property in such manner as may be necessary or desirable to protect the interests of the corporation therein.
- (s) To manage any project whether owned or leased by the corporation and to enter into agreements with the commonwealth or the town or any agency or instrumentality thereof or with any person, firm, partnership or corporation either public or private for the purpose of causing any project to be managed.
- (t) To act with respect to one or more projects as a corporation organized under section three or section eighteen B of chapter one hundred twenty-one A of the General Laws; provided that the accounts for each project shall be kept separately, and the income of one project shall not be expended upon or for the benefit of another project.
- (u) To borrow money for the purposes of aiding in the construction of equipment required by the commonwealth or United States to abate air or water pollution.
- (v) To apply to the federal government or to the commonwealth for economic development assistance grants to meet in part the approved economic development projects, to receive and administer such grants, to contract with the commonwealth for financial assistance, to apply for and receive advances for the estimated costs of surveys and plans and administrative expenses in preparation for economic development projects, and to apply for, receive and administer community development action grants, all to the same extent and subject to the same terms and conditions as an urban renewal agency pursuant to sections fifty-three to fifty-seven A, inclusive, of chapter one hundred and twenty-one B of the General Laws.
- (w) To do all acts and things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly granted in this act.

The corporation is hereby directed to pay the reasonable relocation costs of persons and businesses displaced as a result of carrying out an economic development plan as authorized by clause (l) of this section; provided, that the corporation shall

not be required hereby to pay or contribute to the payment of such costs of any relocatee in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars.

SECTION 6. No economic development project shall be undertaken until (a) a public hearing relating to the economic development plan covering such project has been held by the corporation after due notice; (b) the economic development plan has been approved by town by an affirmative two thirds vote of an annual town meeting or a special town meeting called for the purpose. If no economic development project covered by an economic development plan is commenced within seven years after the approval of such plan, the approval of such plan shall lapse.

Every economic development plan submitted to the town for approval under this act (i) shall require that every person occupying the whole or any part of the economic development area covered by such plan during the period of forty years after the approval of such plan shall make every reasonable effort, in employing persons in his business, to give to the fullest practicable extent preference to residents of the town and (ii) shall be accompanied by a report on such plan by the planning board of the town to whom such plan shall have been submitted before its submission to the town by a statement of the proposed method for financing each project covered by such plan, by a comprehensive relocation plan and by such other information as the corporation deems advisable.

Notice of the public hearing required by the first paragraph of this section shall be given by the corporation to (1) such persons, groups and organizations as have requested in writing that such notice be given them, (2) any agency, whether of the town or of the commonwealth, likely in the judgment of the corporation to have an actual or potential interest in the economic development plan, (3) the senator for every senatorial district of the commonwealth, and the representative for every representative district thereof, within which the economic development area or any part thereof lies, and (4) each community group supported in whole or in part by public funds, whose territory covers all or part of the economic development area. In the course of preparing an economic development plan, the corporation shall consult with each of the aforesaid so far as in the judgment of the corporation it is practicable.

If an economic development plan is so approved by town meeting, the corporation shall have the powers and duties imposed by this act to undertake and carry out the economic development projects covered by such plan.

SECTION 7. Except as provided herein rents and charges for services or facilities furnished or supplied by the corporation shall not be subject to supervision or regulation by any department, division, commission, board, bureau or agency of the commonwealth or the town, and, if derived from a project in connection with which revenue bonds have been issued, shall,

with all other revenues derived from the project, except such part thereof as may be necessary to pay such cost of maintenance, repair and operation and to provide such reserves therefore as may be provided for in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or in the trust agreement, but including such part thereof as may be necessary to provide such reserves for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said revenue bonds as may be provided for in such resolution or trust agreement, and including also the proceeds of any and all sales by the corporation of property within the project area, be set aside at such regular intervals as may be provided for in such resolution or trust agreement, in a sinking fund which is hereby pledged to and charged with the payment of (1) the interest upon such bonds as such interest shall fall due, (2) the principal of the bonds as the same shall fall due, (3) the necessary charges of paying agents for paying principal and interest, and (4) the redemption price or the purchase price of bonds retired by call or purchase as therein provided.

SECTION 8. The corporation shall be liable in contract or in tort in the same manner as a private corporation. The directors, employees, officers and agents of the corporation shall not be liable as such on its contracts or for torts not committed or directly authorized by them. The property or funds of the corporation shall not be subject to attachment or to levy and sale on execution, but if the corporation refuses to pay a judgment entered against it in any court of competent jurisdiction, the superior court, sitting within and for the county in which the corporation is situated, may, by writ of mandamus, direct the treasurer of such agency to pay such judgment. The real estate of the corporation shall not be subject to liens under chapter two hundred fifty-four of the General Laws

but the provisions of sections twenty-eight and twenty-nine of chapter one hundred forty-nine of the General Laws shall be applicable to any construction work by the corporation.

SECTION 9. The real estate and tangible personal property of the corporation shall be deemed to be public property used for essential public and governmental purposes and shall be exempt from taxation and from betterments and special assessments; provided, that in lieu of such taxes, betterments and special assessments, the town may determine a sum to be paid to it annually in any year or period of years, such sum to be in any year not in excess of the amount that would be levied at the then current tax rate upon the average of the assessed value of such real estate, including buildings and other structures, for the three years preceding the year of acquisition thereof, the valuation for each year being reduced by all abatements thereon.

The town may agree with the corporation upon the payments to be made, or the corporation may make and the town may accept such payments, the amount of which shall not in either case be subject to the foregoing limitation.

Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the taxation to the same extent and in the same manner as other real estate

is taxed, of real estate acquired by the corporation for an economic development project and sold by it, or the taxation to the same extent and in the same manner as real estate of the commonwealth is taxed, of real estate so acquired by the corporation and leased by it; provided, however, that real estate so acquired by the corporation and sold or leased to an urban redevelopment corporation or other entity operating under chapter one hundred twenty-one A of the General Laws or to an insurance company or savings bank or group of savings banks operating under said chapter, shall be taxed as provided in said chapter and not otherwise.

The corporation and the debentures, revenue bonds and revenue refunding bonds issued under the provisions of this act, their transfer and the income therefrom including any profit made on the sale thereof, shall at all times be free from taxation by the commonwealth or any subdivision thereof.

SECTION 10. To provide funds for the general purposes of the corporation, including working capital, the corporation may from time to time issue debentures; provided, however, that such debentures outstanding at any one time shall not exceed five million dollars unless specifically approved. Such debentures unless otherwise authorized by law shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the commonwealth or of the town or a pledge of the faith and credit of the commonwealth or of the town and shall be subordinated to all other obligations of the corporation and shall be payable at such time or times and in such installments, if any, as the corporation shall determine, but solely out of the net assets of the corporation; and the holders thereof shall be entitled to interest thereon but only out of the net earnings of the corporation, and in no event at a rate higher than the rate specified therein.

Such debentures may be secured by a trust agreement by and between the corporation and a corporate trustee, which shall be located within the commonwealth and shall be a trust company or bank having the powers of a trust company. Such trust agreement shall contain such provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the debenture holders as may be reasonable and proper and not in violation of law. It shall be lawful for any bank or trust company incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth which may act as depository under such trust agreement to furnish such indemnifying bonds or to pledge such securities as may be required by the corporation. Such trust agreement shall set forth the rights and remedies of the debentureholders and of the trustee, and may restrict the individual right of action by debentureholders. In addition to the foregoing, such trust agreement may contain such other provisions as the corporation may deem reasonable and proper for the security of the debentureholders. All expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of such trust agreement may be treated as an item of current expense.

SECTION 11. The town may raise and appropriate or may borrow, or may agree with the corporation or with the federal

government or the commonwealth to raise and appropriate or to borrow, in aid of the corporation, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and powers of the corporation including defraying part of the development, acquisition and operating costs of any project. Indebtedness of the town authorized under this section shall be outside the limit of indebtedness prescribed in section ten of chapter forty-four of the General Laws and shall be payable within twenty years and otherwise subject to sections sixteen to twenty-seven, inclusive, of said chapter forty-four; provided, however, that the total amount of indebtedness of the town, outstanding at any one time under this section and clauses (1), (2), and (4) of section twenty of chapter one hundred twenty-one B of the General Laws shall not exceed five per cent of the town equalized valuation as defined in section one of said chapter forty-four. Indebtedness incurred under this act shall also be subject to approval under section twenty-two of said chapter one hundred twenty-one B of the General Laws in like manner as indebtedness incurred under said section twenty.

SECTION 12. The corporation is hereby authorized to provide by resolution, one time or from time to time, for the issuance of revenue bonds of the corporation for the purposes of paying all or any part of the cost of a project or projects. The principal of and interest on such bonds shall be payable solely from the funds herein provided for such payment. The bonds of each issue shall be dated, shall bear interest at such rates, and shall mature at such time or times not exceeding forty years from their date or dates, as may be determined by the corporation, and may be made redeemable before maturity, at the option of the corporation, at such price or prices and under such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the corporation prior to the issuance of the bonds. The corporation shall determine the form of the bonds, including any interest coupons to be attached thereto, and the manner of execution of the bonds, and shall fix the denomination or denominations of the bonds and the place or places of payment of principal and interest, which may be at any bank or trust company within the commonwealth. In case any officer whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature shall appear on any bonds or coupons shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such bonds, such signature or such facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he had remained in office until such delivery. The bonds may be issued in coupon or registered form or both, as the corporation may determine and provision may be made for the registration of any coupon bonds as to principal alone and also as to both principal and interest. The corporation may sell such bonds in such manner, either at public or at private sale, and for such price, as it may determine to be for the best interests of the corporation.

The proceeds of such bonds shall be used solely for the payment of the cost of the project or projects, and shall be disbursed in such manner and under such restrictions, if any, as the corporation may provide. Prior to the preparation of definitive bonds, the corporation may, under like restrictions, issue

interim receipts or temporary bonds, with or without coupons, exchangeable for definitive bonds when such bonds have been executed and are available for delivery. The corporation may also provide for the replacement of any bonds which shall become mutilated or shall be destroyed or lost. Revenue bonds may be issued under the provisions of this act subject only to those proceedings, conditions or things which are specifically required by this act.

The corporation is hereby authorized to provide by resolution for issuance of revenue refunding bonds of the corporation for the purpose of refunding any revenue bonds then outstanding and issued under the provisions of this act, including the payment of any redemption premium thereon and any interest accrued or to accrue to the date of redemption of such bonds, and, if deemed advisable by the corporation, for the additional purpose of constructing or reconstructing any extensions or improvements of the project. The issue of such bonds, the maturities, and other details thereof, the rights of the holders thereof, and the duties of the corporation in respect of the same may be applicable.

While any bonds issued by the corporation remain outstanding, the powers, duties or existence of the corporation shall not be diminished or impaired in any way that will affect adversely the interests and rights of the holders of such bonds.

Revenue and revenue refunding bonds issued under the provisions of this section, unless otherwise authorized by law, shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the commonwealth or of the town, or a pledge of the faith and credit of the commonwealth or of the town, but such bonds shall be payable solely from the funds herein provided therefore from revenues. In the event that the corporation, or town or commonwealth is not obliged to pay said revenue and revenue refunding bonds, then, and in that event, all such revenue and revenue refunding bonds shall contain on the face thereof a statement to the effect that neither the corporation nor the commonwealth nor the town shall be obliged to pay the same or the interest thereon except from revenues and that neither the faith and credit nor taxing power of the commonwealth or of the town is pledged to the payment of the principal of or the interest on such bonds.

All revenue and revenue refunding bonds issued under the provisions of this act shall have and are hereby declared to have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments as defined in section 3-104 of the Uniform Commercial Code of this commonwealth.

SECTION 13. In the discretion of the corporation such revenue bonds or revenue refunding bonds may be secured by a trust agreement by and between the corporation and a corporate trustee, which may be any trust company or bank having the powers of a trust company within the commonwealth. Such trust agreement may pledge or assign the revenues to be received, but shall not convey or mortgage any project or part thereof.

Either the resolution providing for the issuance of bonds or such trust agreement may contain such provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the bondholders as may be reasonable and proper and not in violation of law, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing provisions defining defaults and providing for remedies in the event thereof, which may include the acceleration of maturities, and covenants setting forth the duties of, and limitations on, the corporation in relation to the acquisition, construction, improvement, enlargement, alteration, equipping, furnishing, maintenance, operation, repair, insurance and disposition of property, the custody, safeguarding, investment, and application of moneys, the use of any surplus bond or note proceeds and the establishment of reserves. Such resolution or trust agreement may also contain covenants by the corporation in relation to, among other things, (a) the establishment, revision and collection of such rents and charges for services of facilities furnished or supplied by the corporation as shall provide revenues sufficient with other revenues of the project, if any, to pay

- (i) the cost of maintaining, repairing and operating the project and of making renewals and replacements in connection therewith, (ii) the principal of and the interest on said revenue bonds as the same shall become due and payable, (iii) payments in lieu of taxes, betterment and special assessments, and (iv) reserves for all such purposes, (b) the purpose or purposes for which the proceeds of the sale of the bonds will be applied and the use and disposition thereof, (c) the use and disposition of the gross revenues of the corporation from the project, any additions thereto and extensions and improvements thereof, including the creation and maintenance of funds for working capital and for renewals and replacements to the project, (d) the amount, if any, of additional revenue bonds payable from the revenues of the project and the limitations, terms and conditions on which such additional revenue bonds may be issued, and (e) the operation, maintenance, management, accounting and auditing of the project and of the income and revenues of the corporation. It shall be lawful for any bank or trust company incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth to act as depository of the proceeds of bonds or of revenues and to furnish such indemnifying bonds or to pledge such securities as may be required by the corporation. Such trust agreement may set forth the rights and remedies of the bondholders and of the trustee, and may restrict the individual right of action by bondholders as is customary in trust agreements or trust indentures securing bonds and debentures of corporations. In addition to the foregoing, such trust agreement may contain such other provisions as the corporation may deem reasonable and proper for the security of the bondholders. All expenses incurred in carrying out the

provisions of such trust agreement may be treated as a part of the cost of the operation of the project. The pledge by any such trust agreement or resolution shall be valid and binding from the time when the pledge is made; the revenues or other moneys so pledged and then held or thereafter received by the corporation shall immediately be subject to the lien of such pledge without any physical delivery thereof or further act; and the lien of any such pledge shall be valid and binding as against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the corporation, irrespective of whether such parties have notice thereof. Neither the resolution nor any trust agreement by which pledge is created need be filed or recorded except in the records of the corporation, and no filing need be made under the Uniform Commercial Code.

SECTION 14. Revenue bonds and revenue refunding bonds issued under the provisions of this act are hereby made securities in which all public officers and public bodies of the commonwealth and its political subdivisions, all insurance companies, trust companies in their commercial departments and within the limits set by section fourteen of chapter one hundred and sixty-seven E of the General Laws, banking associations, investment companies, executors, trustees and other fiduciaries, and all other persons whatsoever who are now or may hereafter be authorized to invest in bonds or other obligations of a similar nature may properly and legally invest funds, including capital in their control or belonging to them; and such bonds are hereby made obligations which may properly and legally be made eligible for the investment of savings deposits and the income thereof in the manner provided by section two of chapter one hundred and sixty-seven F of the General Laws. Such bonds are hereby made securities which may properly and legally be deposited with and received by any state or municipal officer or any agency or political subdivision of the commonwealth for any purpose for which the deposit of bonds or other obligations of the commonwealth is now or may hereafter be authorized by law.

SECTION 15. Any holder of bonds or debentures issued under the provisions of this act or of any coupons appertaining thereto, and the trustee, except to the extent the rights herein given may be restricted by the trust agreement, may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights under the laws of the commonwealth or granted hereunder or under the trust agreement, and may enforce and compel the performance of all

duties required by this act or by the trust agreement, to be performed by the corporation or by any officer thereof.

SECTION 16. Insofar as the provisions of this act are inconsistent with the provisions of any other law, general or special, excluding any state or the town building code and the town zoning bylaw, the provisions of this act shall be controlling.

SECTION 17. This act, being necessary for the welfare of the town and its inhabitants, shall be liberally construed to effect the purpose thereof.

SECTION 18. The provisions of this act are severable; and if any of its provisions shall be held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions.

SECTION 19. If the town shall modify its charter, or if it shall adopt a new charter, then without amendment of this act, those provisions of this act which refer to specific town officials or town bodies shall be understood, upon a charter change, to refer to those who under such change exercise the same or equivalent functions.

SECTION 20. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Friedrichs moves that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact a special law establishing an Economic Development and Industrial Corporation for the Town of Acton in substantially the form set forth in the article.

MOTION CARRIES

Mr. Kabakoff announces that the Board of Selectmen voted to hold the Special Town Election on May 16, 2000.

Mrs. Ashton introduces six (6) members of the School Committee and thanked both Pamela Harting-Barrat and Lees Stuntz for their service on the School Committee. She also thanked Dr. Isa Zimmerman for her seven (7) years of service as School Superintendent.

ARTICLE 27 ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET (Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$15,427,073, or any other sum, to defray the necessary expenses of the Local Schools, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mrs. Ashton moves that the Acton Public School Budget for the period July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001, in the amount of \$15,427,073 be raised and appropriated in its entirety, except that \$89,600 be transferred from Free Cash.

MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 28 ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT (Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$13,084,118, or any other sum, to defray the necessary expenses of the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mrs. Stuntz moves that the Acton-Boxborough Regional School Assessment for the period July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001 in the amount of \$13,084,118 be raised and appropriated in its entirety.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 29 ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Health & Safety, Maintenance and Technology) (Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$398,324, or any other sum, for the purpose of remodeling and making extraordinary repairs to the Conant, Douglas, Gates and Merriam Schools, and for the purchase of equipment, including any architects' fees and engineering fees and other costs incidental thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mrs. Ashton moves that the Town appropriate \$398,324 to be expended by the Acton School Committee for the purposes set forth in the Article, and to raise such amount, \$398,324 be transferred from Free Cash.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 30 ACTON BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOLS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Health & Safety, Maintenance and Technology) (Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$302,076, or any other sum, to the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District for the purpose of remodeling and making extraordinary repairs to the regional high school and for the purchase of equipment, including any architects' fees and engineering fees and other costs incidental thereto and determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by taxation or transfer from available funds, or otherwise, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mrs. Stuntz moves that the Town appropriate \$302,076 to be expended by the Acton-Boxborough Regional School Committee for the purposes set forth in the Article, and to raise such amount, \$302,076 be transferred from Free Cash, provided however, that this appropriation shall be contingent upon an appropriation by the Town of Boxborough in an amount not less than \$67,526.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 31 MINUTEMAN REGIONAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT
(Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$608,699, or any other sum, to defray the necessary expenses of the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Olmstead moves that the Town raise and appropriate \$608,699 for the purpose of funding the assessment of the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District for the period of July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Mr. Kabakoff moves to adjourn Town Meeting at 10:53 PM until Wednesday, April 5, 2000 at 7:00PM

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

MODERATOR CALLS TOWN MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00PM APRIL 5, 2000

ARTICLE 32 SALE OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES**
(Majority Vote)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of foreclosed properties acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes in accordance with provisions of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

CONSENT MOTION: Mr. Friedrichs moves that the Town authorizes the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to sell and convey properties the Town has obtained through tax foreclosure in accordance with General Laws.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 33 SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENTS
(Majority Vote)

To see if the Town will vote to place a question on a ballot to accept the provisions of Mass General Laws Chapter 59, Section 2D, allowing the Town to modify the real estate tax bill for a parcel of land which has undergone a valuation change of at least 50% since the applicable statutory valuation date and has received an occupancy permit, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Ashton moves to authorize the Board of Selectmen to place a question on the ballot for the purposes set forth in the article

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Article 30 will be placed on the May 16, 2000 Special Town Election and the law will go into effect January 2001.

ARTICLE 34 AMEND TOWN BYLAW – SECTION E42, ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC
(Majority Vote)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section E42 of the Town Bylaws by inserting the following after the word “playground”:

“(except that the Board of Selectmen may, if they deem it appropriate, issue a special one-day liquor license for events at the Senior Center and NARA Park)”

such that the revised paragraph reads:

“E42. Alcohol in Public

No person shall drink or possess an unsealed container of any alcoholic beverage as defined in Chapter 138, Section 1 of the Massachusetts General Laws while in or upon any public way or any way which the public has a right of access, whether in or upon a vehicle, or on foot, or while in or upon any public place or public building or playground (except that the Board of Selectmen may, if they deem it appropriate, issue a special one-day liquor license for events at the Senior Center and NARA Park), or while in or upon a private parking lot, or a private way to which the public has access as invitees or licensees, or in or upon any private land or place without the written consent of the owner or authorized person in control thereof. A police officer may arrest without a warrant any person who commits a violation of this Bylaw in his presence and may seize the alcoholic beverages, which shall be kept by him and destroyed upon adjudication or returned to the person entitled to lawful possession”.

or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Hunter moves to amend Section E42 of the Town Bylaw as set forth in the article.

Mr. Pope moves to amend the article, by removing the words “and NARA PARK”

AMENDMENT IS LOST

ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 35 AMEND TOWN BYLAWS SECTIONS E46 THROUGH E56 SALE OF TOBACCO AND SMOKING PRODUCTS
(Majority Vote)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws Section E50.D by deleting the existing section in its entirety and replacing with the following:

- D. No person, firm, corporation, establishment, or agency shall construct or maintain free standing displays of tobacco products, unless the free standing display is located behind the counter and in plain view of the regular location of a person designated to supervise the free standing display.

or take any other action relative thereto.

CITIZEN'S PETITION

MOTION: Ms. Grosowsky moves to amend Section E50.D as set forth in the article.

Ms. Grosowsky moves to amend the motion to delete the words "freestanding" in all places from the amendment

AMENDMENT CARRIES

AMENDMENTED MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 36 POWDER MILL DISTRICT (2/3 vote required)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Acton zoning bylaw and map as follows:

[Notes in italic print are not part of the Article but are intended for explanation only.]

- A. Zoning bylaw - In section 2.1, Classification of Districts, under the group heading "Business Districts", delete the following zoning district designation:

General Business GB

And, insert the following new zoning district designation:

Powder Mill District PM

- B. Zoning map - Amend the zoning map to rezone to Powder Mill District (PM) the following parcels of land identified by their 1999 Town Atlas map and parcel numbers: [Note: Street addresses and present zoning designation are provided for reference purposes only.]

map	parcel	present zoning	street address	
J-3	33 *	GI/R-4	279	High
J-3	33-2	GI	305	High
J-3	34-1	GI	304	High
J-3	34-3	GI	292	High
J-3	34-4	GI	76	Powder Mill Rd
J-3	34-5	R-10	16	Knox Tr
J-3	34-6	GI	298	High
J-3	34-7	GI	298	High
J-3	34-8	GB	82	Powder Mill Rd
J-3	35	GI	297	High
J-3	36	GI	298	High
J-3	38	GI	2	Powder Mill Rd, rear
J-3	39	GI	2	Powder Mill Rd
J-3	41	GI	310	High
J-3	41-1	GI	309	High
J-3	42	GI	2	Powder Mill Rd
map	parcel	present zoning	street address	
J-3	43	GI	4	Powder Mill Rd
J-3	44	GB	4	Powder Mill Rd
J-3	45	GB	12	Powder Mill Rd
J-3	48	GB	18	Powder Mill Rd
J-3	49	GB	50	Powder Mill Rd
J-3	49-1	GB	60	Powder Mill Rd
J-3	50	GI	77	Powder Mill Rd
J-3	51	GB	7	Powder Mill Rd
J-3	53	GB	25	Powder Mill Rd
J-3	54	GB	31	Powder Mill Rd
J-3	55	GB	35	Powder Mill Rd
J-3	56	GB	37	Powder Mill Rd
J-3	58	GB/GI	61	Powder Mill Rd
J-3	59	GI	65	Sudbury Rd
J-3	59-1	GB	45	Powder Mill Rd
J-3	59-2	GB	63	Powder Mill Rd
J-3	59-3	GI/GB	12	Sudbury Rd
J-3	59-4	GI	30	Sudbury Rd
J-3	59-5	GI	14	Sudbury Rd
J-3	60	GI	13	Sudbury Rd
J-3	61	GI	40	Sudbury Rd

the triangular parcel between parcel J-3/38 and the Maynard town line

the rectangular parcel between parcels J-3/59-4 and J-3/61

* only the portion of J-3/33 that is currently zoned GI

- C. Amend the zoning map to rezone to Kelley's Corner (KC) the following parcels of land identified by their 1999 Town Atlas map and parcel numbers: [Note: Street addresses and present zoning designation are provided for reference purposes only.]

G-2	110-1	R-2
222	<i>Main, behind</i>	
G-2	117	GB
222	<i>Main</i>	
G-2	143	GB
204	<i>Main</i>	

- D. Amend the zoning map to rezone to West Acton Village (WAV) the following parcels of land identified by their 1999 Town Atlas map and parcel numbers: [Note: Street addresses and present zoning designation are provided for reference purposes only.]

map	parcel	present zoning	street address	
E-2	187	GB	364	<i>Central</i>
E-2	187-1	GB	362	<i>Central</i>

- E. Zoning bylaw - section 3, Table of Principal Uses. Under the group heading "Business Districts", delete the column entitled "GB" and replace it with a new column entitled "PM" with the use regulations as stated below.

[Note: The columns GB and GI are shown for informational purposes only. Y= use allowed; N= use not allowed; SPA, SPS, SPP = use may be allowed by special permit.]

PRINCIPAL USES

PM	GB	GI
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3.2 GENERAL USES

3.2.1	Agriculture	Y	Y	Y
3.2.2	Conservation	Y	Y	Y
3.2.3	Earth Removal	N	SPA	SPA
3.2.4	Recreation	N	Y	Y

3.3 RESIDENTIAL USES

3.3.1	Single Family Dwelling	Y	Y	N
3.3.2	Single Family Dwelling with One Apartment	Y	Y(2)	N
3.3.3	Dwelling Conversions	N	SPA	N
3.3.4	Multifamily Dwelling	N	N	N

3.4 GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONAL & PUBLIC SERVICE USES

3.4.1	Municipal	Y	Y	Y
3.4.2	Educational	Y	Y	Y
3.4.3	Religious	Y	Y	Y
3.4.4	Nursing Home	SPS	SPS	SPS
3.4.5	Public or Private Utility Facilities	Y	Y	Y
3.4.6	Child Care Facility	Y	Y	Y
3.4.7	Other Public USE	SPS(4)	SPS(4)	SPS(4)
3.4.8	Full Service Retirement Community	SPS	SPS	SPS
3.4.9	Assisted Living Residence (8)	SPS	SPS	N
3.4.10	Wireless Communication Facility (10)	SPP	SPP	SPP

PRINCIPAL USES**PM****GB****GI****3.5 BUSINESS USES**

3.5.1	Retail Store	Y	Y	N
3.5.2	Business or Professional Office	Y	Y	N
3.5.3	Financial	Y	Y	N
3.5.4	Restaurant	SPS (7)	SPS(7)	N
3.5.5	Hotel, Inn or Motel	SPS	SPS	N
3.5.6	Combined Business & Dwelling	Y	SPS	N
3.5.7	Lodge or Club	SPS	Y	Y
3.5.8	Funeral Home	Y	Y	N
3.5.9	Veterinary Care	Y	SPS	SPS
3.5.10	Commercial Kennel	SPS	SPS	SPS
3.5.11	Services	Y	Y	Y
3.5.12	Studio	Y	Y	Y
3.5.13	Building Trade Shop	Y	Y	Y
3.5.14	Commercial Recreation	SPS (9)	SPS(9)	SPS(9)
3.5.15	Commercial & Trade School	Y	Y	Y
3.5.16	Amusement Facility	SPS	SPS	SPS
3.5.17	Motor Vehicle Service Station	Y	SPS	N
3.5.18	Motor Vehicle Repair or Body Shop	Y	Y	N
3.5.19	Light Vehicular & Equipment Sales	Y	Y	N
3.5.20	Parking Facility	Y	Y	N
3.5.21	Transportation Services	Y	N	SPS
3.5.22	Car Wash	Y	SPS	N
3.5.23	Adult USES	N	N	N

3.6 INDUSTRIAL USES

3.6.1	Warehouse	Y	SPS	Y
3.6.2	Mini-Warehouse	Y	Y	Y
3.6.3	Construction Yard	N	N	Y
3.6.4	Lumber Yard	N	N	Y
3.6.5	Heating Fuel Sales & Service	N	SPS	SPS
3.6.6	Light Manufacturing	Y	SPS	Y

3.7 PROHIBITED USES

3.7.1	Heavy Manufacturing	N	N	N
3.7.2	Storage	N	N	N
3.7.3	Amusement	N	N	N
3.7.4	General	N	N	N
3.7.5	Heavy Vehicular Sales or Repair Garage	N	N	N

- F. Zoning bylaw, section 3.10 - Special Provisions for Wireless Communication Facilities: In section 3.10.5.2, delete the words "the General Business Districts (GB)" and replace them with "the Powder Mill District (PM)".

Zoning bylaw - section 5, Table of Standard Dimensional Regulations. Delete the row entitled "GB" in its entirety and insert a new row entitled "PM" as follows: [Note: the present dimensional regulations for the GB and GI districts are shown for informational purposes only.]

ZONING DISTRICTS	MINIMUM LOT AREA in sq. ft.	MINIMUM LOT FRONTAGE in ft.	MINIMUM LOT WIDTH in ft.	MINIMUM FRONT YARD in ft.	MINIMUM SIDE & REAR YARD in ft.	MINIMUM OPEN SPACE in percent	MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA RATIO	MAXIMUM HEIGHT in ft.
PM	10,000	100	50	30	20	35%	0.20	40
GB	10,000	100	50	30	30	35%	0.20	36
GI	40,000	100	50	45	20 (2)	35%	0.20	40

H. Zoning bylaw - section 6.9, Special Provisions for Parking in the Village and Kelley's Corner Districts.

1. Delete the lead paragraph of section 6.9 and replace it with:

9.9 Special Provisions for Parking in the Village, Kelley's Corner, and Powder Mill Districts

2. Insert a new section 6.9.4 as follows:

6.9.4 PM District - In the Powder Mill District, no BUILDING or STRUCTURE shall be located on a LOT and no activity shall be conducted upon any LOT unless off-STREET parking is provided in accordance with the following requirements:

6.9.4.1 Required off-STREET parking for a USE may be provided on any LOT within the Powder Mill District, but not necessarily on the same LOT as the USE.

6.9.4.2 Connection of Parking - A Site Plan Special Permit Granting Authority shall require that all parking facilities be connected by a common driveway to the parking facilities of all adjacent USES and to all adjacent LOTS within the Powder Mill District, unless it finds that physical constraints, present site configuration, uncooperative abutters, or land vacancy precludes strict compliance. In such cases, the site and the parking facility shall be designed to provide for the future construction of common driveways. For the purposes of this section, common driveway shall be defined as a driveway that is shared by two or more LOTS and located at least partially within the required setback areas of such LOTS. Such a common driveway can be either a shared ACCESS driveway to a STREET or a driveway to a STREET leading to another LOT or a driveway connecting such LOTS with each other. See also Section 10.4.3.3 of this Bylaw regarding common driveways.

6.9.4.3 Number of Parking Spaces - The minimum number of required parking spaces shall be 70% of the requirements in Section 6.3.1. In

the case of collective use of a parking facility in accordance with Section 6.9.4.4, the minimum number of required parking spaces shall be 50% of the requirements in Section 6.3.1.

6.9.4.4 Collective Use of Parking Facilities - Off-STREET parking facilities may serve, collectively or jointly, different USES on LOTS located throughout the Powder Mill District where such a collective use of the parking facility is based on a written agreement that: 1) assures the continued collective use; 2) states the number of parking spaces allocated to each participating USE; 3) assures ACCESS to and maintenance of the common parking facility, and 4) is filed with the Building Commissioner. Any change to such agreement shall also be filed with the Building Commissioner. The number of parking spaces allocated in the agreement to each participating USE shall be counted toward the minimum required number of parking spaces for such USE as determined under Section 6.9.4.3.

5.5.5.5 Design Requirements and Landscaping - Off-STREET parking spaces, except spaces serving a single to four-FAMILY residential USE, shall either be contained within a BUILDING or STRUCTURE, or be provided in accordance with the design requirements of Section 6.7 including all its subsections. In addition, no parking space or other paved surface, other than walkways and bikeways, shall be located within 20 feet of an abutting residential zoning district.

- I. Zoning bylaw, section 10.4.3.5, Open Space Landscaping Standards. Delete sub-paragraph 1) and renumber sub-paragraphs 2) and 3) to become sub-paragraphs 1) and 2) respectively.
- or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Halm moves in the words of the article.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 37 TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT (2/3 vote Required)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Acton Zoning Bylaw and Map as follows:

[Notes in italic print are not part of the Article but are intended for explanation only.]

- A. Zoning bylaw - In section 2.1, Classification of Districts, under the group heading "Industrial Districts", delete the following zoning district designation:

Industrial Park IP

And, insert the following new zoning district designation:

Technology District TD

- B. Zoning map - Amend the zoning map to rezone to Technology District (TD) the following parcels of land identified by their 1999 Town Atlas map and parcel numbers:

[Street addresses and present zoning designation are shown for reference purposes only.]

map	parcel	present zoning		street address
H-3	251	R-8/4	88	Parker
H-4	126-1	R-2	66	Laws Brook Rd
H-4	142	R-8/4	31	Laws Brook Rd
H-4	143	IP	37	Laws Brook Rd
H-4	144	R-2	37	Laws Brook Rd
H-4	150	R-8/4	34	Independence Rd
H-4	151-1	R-8/4	25	Laws Brook Rd
H-4	152	IP	37	Laws Brook Rd
H-4	155	R-2	63	Laws Brook Rd
H-4	158	IP	67	Laws Brook Rd
H-4	159	R-8/4	44	Independence Rd
H-4	160	IP	31	Laws Brook Rd
I-3	4	R-8/4	38	Independence Rd, behind
I-3	135	R-10	39	Independence Rd, behind

I-3	136	R-10	104	Powder Mill Rd, rear
I-3	149	IP	75	Drummer Rd
I-4	1	R-8/4	42	Independence Rd
I-4	2	R-8/4	50	Independence Rd
I-4	4	IP	65	Laws Brook Rd
I-4	5	IP	50	Independence Rd
I-4	6	IP	47	Independence Rd
I-4	7	IP	47	Independence Rd
I-4	9	GI	54	Knox Tr
I-4	9-1	GI	63	Knox Tr
map	parcel	present zoning		street address
I-4	9-2	GI	50	Knox Tr
I-4	9-3	GI	55	Knox Tr
I-4	9-4	GI	52	Knox Tr
I-4	9-5	GI	51	Knox Tr
I-4	9-6	GI	55	Knox Tr, behind
I-4	10	R-10	42	Knox Tr, behind
J-3	21-1	R-10	30	Knox Tr
J-3	21-2	GI	3	Knox Tr
J-3	37	GI	112	Powder Mill Rd
J-4	1	GI	48	Knox Tr
J-4	2	GI	49	Knox Tr
J-4	3	GI	42	Knox Tr
J-4	4	GI	45	Knox Tr
J-4	5	GI	36	Knox Tr
J-4	5-1	GI	36	Knox Tr
J-4	6	GI	37	Knox Tr
J-4	7	GI	29	Knox Tr
J-4	8	GI	36	Knox Tr

- C. Zoning map - Amend the zoning map to rezone to Agriculture Recreation Conservation (ARC) the following parcels of land identified by their 1999 Town Atlas map and parcel numbers: [Street addresses are provided for reference purposes only.]

map	parcel	present zoning	street address
I-3	135-1	R-10	39 Independence Rd
I-3	136-1	R-10	104 Powder Mill Rd, behind
I-3	145	R-10	25 Independence Rd
I-3	145-1	R-10	25 Independence Rd, behind

- D. Zoning map - Amend the zoning map by removing the Affordable Housing Overlay District - Sub-District A designation from the following parcels of land identified by their 1999 Town Atlas map and parcel numbers: [Street addresses and present zoning designation are provided for reference purposes only.]

map	parcel	street address	
H-3	251	88	<i>Parker</i>
H-4	142	31	<i>Laws Brook Road</i>
H-4	151-1	25	<i>Laws Brook Road</i>
H-4	159	44	<i>Independence Rd</i>
I-3	4	38	<i>Independence Rd, behind</i>
I-4	1	42	<i>Independence Rd</i>
I-4	2	50	<i>Independence Rd</i>

E. Zoning bylaw - section 3, Table of Principal Uses. Under the group heading "Industrial Districts", delete the column entitled "IP" and replace it with a new column entitled "TD" with the use regulations as stated below. [Note: The columns for the GI and IP districts are shown for informational purposes only. Y= use allowed; N= use not allowed; SPA, SPS, SPP = use may be allowed by special permit.]]

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PRINCIPAL USES		TD	GI	IP
3.2 GENERAL USES				
3.2.1	Agriculture	Y	Y	Y
3.2.2	Conservation	Y	Y	Y
3.2.3	Earth Removal	N	SPA	SPA
3.2.4	Recreation	N	Y	Y
3.3 RESIDENTIAL USES				
3.3.1	Single Family Dwelling	N	N	N
3.3.2	Single Family Dwelling with One Apartment	N	N	N
3.3.3	Dwelling Conversions	N	N	N
3.3.4	Multifamily Dwelling	N	N	N
3.4 GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONAL & PUBLIC SERVICE USES				
3.4.1	Municipal	Y	Y	Y
3.4.2	Educational	Y	Y	Y
3.4.3	Religious	Y	Y	Y
3.4.4	Nursing Home	SPS	SPS	SPS
3.4.5	Public or Private Utility Facilities	Y	Y	Y
3.4.6	Child Care Facility	Y	Y	Y
3.4.7	Other Public USE	SPS (4)	SPS(4)	SPS(4)
3.4.8	Full Service Retirement Community	SPS	SPS	SPS
3.4.9	Assisted Living Residence (8)	N	N	N
3.4.10	Wireless Communication Facility (10)	SPP	SPP	SPP
3.5 BUSINESS USES				
3.5.1	Retail Store	N	N	N
3.5.2	Business or Professional Office	Y	N	N
3.5.3	Financial	N	N	N
3.5.4	Restaurant	SPS	N	N
3.5.5	Hotel, Inn or Motel	SPS	N	N
3.5.6	Combined Business & Dwelling	N	N	N
3.5.7	Lodge or Club	N	Y	N
3.5.8	Funeral Home	N	N	N
3.5.9	Veterinary Care	N	SPS	SPS

3.5.10	Commercial Kennel	N	SPS	SPS
3.5.11	Services	N	Y	N
3.5.12	Studio	Y	Y	N
3.5.13	Building Trade Shop	Y	Y	Y
3.5.14	Commercial Recreation	SPS (9)	SPS(9)	SPS(9)
3.5.15	Commercial & Trade School	Y	Y	Y
3.5.16	Amusement Facility	N	SPS	SPS
3.5.17	Motor Vehicle Service Station	N	N	N
3.5.18	Motor Vehicle Repair or Body Shop	N	N	N
3.5.19	Light Vehicular & Equipment Sales	N	N	N
3.5.20	Parking Facility	Y	N	N
3.5.21	Transportation Services	Y	SPS	SPS
3.5.22	Car Wash	N	N	N
3.5.23	Adult USES	SPS	N	SPS

3.6 INDUSTRIAL USES

3.6.1	Warehouse	Y	Y	Y
3.6.2	Mini-Warehouse	Y	Y	Y
3.6.3	Construction Yard	N	Y	Y

PRINCIPAL USES

		TD	<i>GI</i>	<i>IP</i>
3.6.4	Lumber Yard	N	Y	Y
3.6.5	Heating Fuel Sales & Service	N	SPS	SPS
3.6.6	Light Manufacturing	Y	Y	Y

3.7 PROHIBITED USES

3.7.1	Heavy Manufacturing	N	N	N
3.7.2	Storage	N	N	N
3.7.3	Amusement	N	N	N
3.7.4	General	N	N	N
3.7.5	Heavy Vehicular Sales or Repair Garage	N	N	N

- H. Zoning bylaw, section 3.5 - Business Uses: In section 3.5.4 Restaurant, add the following new sentence before the sentence that begins with: "In the OP-2 District":

"In the TD District, the minimum square footage for an individual restaurant shall be 5,000 square feet measured in NET FLOOR AREA."

- I. Zoning bylaw, section 5 - TABLE OF STANDARD DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS. Delete the row entitled "IP" in its entirety and replace with a new row entitled "TD" as follows: *[Note: The dimensional regulations for the GI and IP districts are shown for informational purposes only.]*

ZONING DISTRICTS	MINIMUM LOT AREA in sq. ft.	MINIMUM LOT FRONTAGE in feet	MINIMUM LOT WIDTH in feet	MINIMUM FRONT YARD in feet	MINIMUM SIDE & REAR YARD in feet	MINIMUM OPEN SPACE in percent	MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA RATIO	MAXIMUM HEIGHT in feet
TD	40,000	100	50	45	50(2,17)	35%	0.20	40
GI	40,000	100	50	45	20(2)	35%	0.20	40
IP	100,000	100	50	50	50(2)	50%	0.04	40

And, change note (2) of the Table of Standard Dimensional Regulations by deleting in the table the line

IP 200 feet

and replace it with a new line

TD 200 feet

In addition, insert the following new note to the Table of Standard Dimensional Regulations as follows:

- (17) Landscaped screening shall be required to separate a nonresidential USE from a Residential District. The screen shall be 100 feet in width and shall be nontransparent in all seasons of the year from the ground to a height of at least six (6) feet, with intermittent visual obstruction to a height of at least 20 feet. The screen is intended to exclude visual contact between uses and to create a strong impression of spatial separation. It may be composed of a wall, fence, landscaped earth berm, or densely planted vegetation or a combination of these items.

- J. Delete section 9A.3 and replace it with a new section 9A.3 as follows:

9A.3 Special Permit - The Planning Board may grant a special permit for the development and construction of a PUD in the Village and Business Districts, and the OP-1, LI, GI, LI-1 and SM Districts in accordance with this Section and M.G.L., Ch. 40A, s. 9.

Note: This section currently reads: 9A.3 Special Permit - The Planning Board may grant a special permit for the development and construction of a PUD in the Village, Business and Industrial Districts, and in the OP-1 District in accordance with this Section and M.G.L., Ch. 40A, s. 9.]

or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Tolley moves in the words of the article.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 38 REZONING OF CERTAIN SPLIT ZONED PROPERTIES (2/3 vote required)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning bylaw and map as follows:

[Notes in italic print are not part of the Article but are intended for explanation only.]

- A. Amend the zoning map by rezoning to NAV the following parcels of land identified by their 1999 Town Atlas map and parcel numbers: *[Note: Street addresses and current zoning designations are provided for reference purposes only.]*

map	parcel	current zoning	street address
C-5	46-1	NAV, R-10/8	10 Granite Rd
C-5	90-5	NAV, R-10/8	76 Harris St
C-5	90-4	R-10/8	72 Harris St

- B. Amend the zoning bylaw by inserting a new section 5.5.5 as follows:

- 5.5.5 In the NAV District, a Special Permit or Site Plan Special Permit Granting Authority may require the reservation of STREET rights of way for all purposes, for which public STREETS and ways are used in the Town of Acton. It may further require that new STREETS be constructed following approval in accordance with MGL Ch. 41, s. 81K - 81GG and the Acton Subdivision Rules and Regulations to connect with existing approved STREETS. Where such STREET rights of way are reserved, the FLOOR AREA RATIO on the remaining land shall be calculated by including the rights of way reserved hereunder, including any necessary easements, in the DEVELOPABLE SITE AREA.
- C. Amend the zoning map by rezoning to OP-1 the following parcel of land identified by its 1999 Town Atlas map and parcel number: *[Note: Street address and current zoning designation is provided for reference purposes only.]*

map	parcel	current zoning	street address
B-5	7	OP-1, R-10/8 80	Nagog Park Dr

or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Shgia-Hughes moves in the words of the article.

Mr. Cady moves to remove Section C in its entirety

AMENDMENT CARRIES

AMENDED MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 39 PRINCIPAL USE DEFINITIONS AND TABLE, RELATED CHANGES (2/3 vote required)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Acton zoning bylaw as follows:

[Notes in italic print are not part of the Article but are intended for explanation only.]

- A. Section 3 - Principal Use Definitions: Delete sections 3.2 through 3.7 in their entirety and replace them with new sections 3.2 through 3.7 as follows:

[Notes in italic and brackets show existing language, and indicate deletions and other changes; n/c means no change.]

2.2 General USES

2.2.1 Agriculture –On a parcel of more than five acres: Agriculture, including the boarding, keeping or raising of livestock; horticulture; floriculture; or viticulture; the use of buildings and structures for the primary purpose of these activities, including the sale of farm products. All of the aforesaid shall be in conformance with the definitions and requirements for these activities of MGL Ch. 40A, s. 3. On a parcel of two acres or more: Cultivating, harvesting and storing of field crops, produce or fruit, and storage of farm equipment that is necessary for these activities; the boarding, keeping and raising of not more than one horse, goat or sheep, plus its offspring up to one year of age. [Note - this section currently reads: 3.2.1 Agriculture - Cultivating, harvesting and storing crops including the storage of necessary farm equipment on parcels of less than five acres. The boarding, keeping or raising of livestock on parcels of more than five acres; except that the boarding, keeping and raising of not more than one horse, goat or sheep, plus its offspring up to one year of age, shall be permitted on parcels of two acres or larger.]

2.2.2 Conservation - The USE of land in its natural state or improved with trails or resource management programs that do not significantly alter its natural state. [n/c]

[Note: Present section 3.2.3 Earth Removal is deleted. See section 3.7 of this article, prohibited uses.]

2.2.3 Recreation – A pool or recreation center owned and operated by a neighborhood association, the use of which is limited to members of the association and their guests.

[Note - this section currently reads: 3.2.4 Recreation - Non-commercial outdoor facilities for activities such as horseback riding, skiing, ice skating, swimming and tennis.]

3.3 Residential USES -Not more than one BUILDING for dwelling purposes shall be located upon a LOT, except [n/c]

b) in the following Districts: Village Districts (EAV, NAV, SAV, WAV); Residence A District (R-A); Residence AA District (R-AA); [n/c]

b) for the following USES: Nursing Home; Full Service Retirement Community; Assisted Living Residence as defined in this Bylaw or in MGL Ch. 19D; and [n/c]

c) where a special permit has been granted for the following: a Planned Conservation Residential Community (PCRC) under section 9 of this Bylaw; a Planned Unit Development (PUD) under section 9A of this Bylaw; an AFFORDABLE Housing Development under section 4.4 of this Bylaw; a single FAMILY dwelling with one Apartment in a detached BUILDING under section 3.3.2.2.10 of this Bylaw. [n/c except section reference was to 3.3.2.9 b]

3.3.1 Single FAMILY Dwelling - A detached DWELLING UNIT designed as the residence of one FAMILY. [n/c]

2.2.2 Single FAMILY Dwelling with One Apartment - A single FAMILY Dwelling, the BUILDING of which was in existence on or before January 1, 1990, to be altered and used for not more than two DWELLING UNITS, the Principal Unit plus one Apartment, provided that: [n/c]

2.2.2.1 The GROSS FLOOR AREA of the Apartment shall not exceed the lesser of fifty percent of the GROSS FLOOR AREA of the Principal Unit or 800 square feet. [n/c]

2.2.2.2 There shall be no more than two bedrooms in the Apartment. [n/c]

2.2.2.3 The Apartment shall be clearly and distinctly separated from the Principal Unit by separate entrances either from the exterior of the BUILDING or from a common hallway located within the BUILDING. [n/c]

2.2.2.4 Any stairways to an Apartment located above the ground floor of a BUILDING shall be enclosed within the exterior walls of the BUILDING. [n/c]

2.2.2.5 There shall be not more than one driveway or curb cut providing ACCESS to the DWELLING UNITS, except for half circular or horseshoe driveways located in the front of the BUILDING. [n/c]

6.6.6.6 A minimum of one additional parking space shall be provided for the Apartment. [n/c]

6.6.6.7 The owner of the property shall occupy either the principal DWELLING UNIT or the Apartment. For the purposes of this section, the “owner” shall be

one or more individuals residing in a dwelling who hold legal or beneficial title and for whom the dwelling is the primary residence for voting and tax purposes. [n/c]

6.6.6.8 The Apartment shall not be held in, or transferred into separate ownership from the Principal Unit under a condominium form of ownership, or otherwise. [n/c]

3.3.2.9 The minimum LOT area for a Single FAMILY Dwelling with One Apartment shall be the minimum LOT area required in the zoning district or, if the LOT is nonconforming, it shall comply with the standards for nonconforming LOTS under section 8, provided, however, that:

a) In the R-2, R-4, R-8, R8/4, R-10, and R-10/8 Districts a Special Permit from the Board of Appeals shall be required for a Single FAMILY Dwelling with One Apartment on a nonconforming LOT with less than 15,000 square feet in LOT area.

3.3.2.10 The apartment may be located within a detached BUILDING that is located on the same LOT as the BUILDING with the Principal DWELLING UNIT, if the detached BUILDING has been continuously in existence since before 1950 and has not been expanded or enlarged after July 1st, 1991. An apartment in such a detached BUILDING may have a GROSS FLOOR AREA of up to 2000 square feet, not including attic or basement areas, and up to three bedrooms. A LOT containing a BUILDING with a Principal Unit and an Apartment within a detached BUILDING shall not be further divided resulting in the separation of the Principal Unit and the Apartment, unless both resulting LOTS and the BUILDINGS thereon meet all minimum area, FRONTAGE, width and yard requirements of the applicable zoning district.

a) However, in the R-2, R-4, R-8, R8/4, R-10, and R-10/8 Districts an apartment in such a detached BUILDING shall only be allowed with a Special Permit from the Board of Appeals.

[Note: The above sections 3.3.2.9 and 3.3.2.10 replace current section 3.3.2.9. Section 3.3.2.9 currently reads: 3.3.2.9 A Special Permit from the Board of Appeals shall be required: a) if the Single FAMILY dwelling with one Apartment is to be located on a LOT with less than 15,000 square feet in LOT area; or b) if the Apartment is to be located within a detached BUILDING located on the same LOT as the BUILDING containing the Principal Unit. Such Special Permit shall only be issued, if the BUILDING in which the Apartment is to be located has been continuously in existence since prior to 1950. In granting such Special Permit, the Board of Appeals may

authorize an apartment with a GROSS FLOOR AREA of up to 2000 square feet (not including attic or basement areas) and with up to three (3) bedrooms, provided that the detached secondary BUILDING in which the Apartment is to be located has not been and shall not be expanded or enlarged after July 1st, 1991. A LOT containing a BUILDING with a Principal Unit and an Apartment within a detached BUILDING shall not be further divided resulting in the separation of the Principal Unit and the Apartment, unless both resulting LOTS and the BUILDINGS thereon meet all minimum area, FRONTAGE, width and yard requirements of the applicable zoning district.]

11.11.11 No Apartment permitted under this Section shall be constructed and occupied without Building and Occupancy Permits issued by the Building Commissioner. [This section is presently numbered 3.3.2.10]

11.11.12 Dwelling Conversions - A single FAMILY dwelling or other residential BUILDING in existence prior to April 1, 1971 with less than four DWELLING UNITS may be altered and used for not more than four DWELLING UNITS if the LOT on which the BUILDING is located contains not less than 10,000 square feet per DWELLING UNIT and if one of the units is occupied by the owner of the property. In the R-A, R-AA, VR, SAV, WAV, NAV, EAV and KC Districts the preceding requirement that the LOT on which the BUILDING is located shall contain not less than 10,000 square feet per DWELLING UNIT shall not apply. [Note: The last sentence of this section presently reads: In the WAV and SAV Districts the preceding requirement that the LOT on which the BUILDING is located shall contain not less than 10,000 square feet per DWELLING UNIT shall not apply. Otherwise no substantive changes.]

3.3.4 Multifamily Dwelling - A BUILDING for residential USE, other than a dwelling conversion, containing more than two DWELLING UNITS. A BUILDING or STRUCTURE, housing an ACCESSORY USE to a multifamily dwelling USE, owned and operated by the owner or the residents of a multifamily dwelling USE located on the same LOT or on an adjacent LOT, such as building and grounds maintenance facilities, wastewater disposal facilities, recreation facilities, or club houses. [n/c]

11.12 Governmental, Institutional and Public Service USES

1.1.1 Municipal - USE of land, BUILDINGS, and STRUCTURES by the Town of Acton and the Water Supply District of Acton. [n/c]

- 1.1.2 Educational - USE of land, BUILDINGS and STRUCTURES for providing instruction or education in a general range of subjects, on land owned or leased by the Commonwealth or any of its agencies, subdivisions or bodies politic, or by a religious sect or denomination, or by a nonprofit educational entity. Such USE may include museums, libraries, auditoria, athletic facilities, dormitories, administrative offices, or similar facilities and activities whose purpose is substantially related to the educational purposes of the owner. [Note - this section currently reads: 3.4.2 Educational - USE of land, BUILDINGS and STRUCTURES for providing learning in a general range of subjects on land owned or leased by the Commonwealth or any of its agencies, subdivisions or bodies politic; or by a religious sect or denomination; or by a nonprofit educational entity.]
- 3.4.3 Religious - USE of land, BUILDINGS, and STRUCTURES for religious purposes by a religious sect or denomination, which may include religious instruction, maintenance of a convent, parish house and similar facilities and activities whose purpose is substantially related to the religious purposes of such sect or denomination. [Note - this section currently reads: 3.4.3 Religious - USE of land, BUILDINGS, and STRUCTURES for religious purposes by a religious sect or denomination.]
- 4.4.4 Nursing Home - An extended or intermediate care facility licensed or approved to provide full-time convalescent or chronic care. [n/c]
- 3.4.5 Public or Private Utility Facilities - Facilities, equipment, and STRUCTURES necessary for conducting a service by a public service corporation. [n/c]
- 6.6.6 Child Care Facility - A day care or school age child care center or program as defined in MGL, Chapter 40A. [n/c]
- 6.6.7 Other Public USE - USE of land, BUILDINGS and STRUCTURES for a public purpose, other than educational USE, by any town or local agency, except the Town of Acton and the Water Supply District of Acton. [n/c]
- 6.6.8 Full Service Retirement Community - A facility that is designed and operated to provide its elderly or impaired residents with a broad range of accommodations and services to meet their needs, including at least two of the following: independent living in single or multi-unit dwellings; assisted living in single or multi-unit dwellings; a Nursing Home. A Full Service Retirement Community shall provide a continuum of care by providing its residents varied levels of care and assistance in daily living on an as needed basis within the facility. A Full Service Retirement Community may include support services that are necessary to meet the needs of its residents such as but not limited to skilled nursing, medical and other health services, recreation and leisure facilities, a community center, a place of worship, or food services. In addition, a Full Service Retirement Community may include convenience services for its residents, such as a Retail Store, a Restaurant, and Services. A Nursing Home by itself, or an Assisted Living Facility by itself as defined in this Bylaw or in MGL Ch. 19D, or independent living accommodations by themselves such as single FAMILY residences or apartments shall not be considered a Full Service Retirement Community. [n/c]
- 6.6.9 Assisted Living Residence - Any entity, however organized, which meets all of the following three criteria: Provides room and board to residents who do not require 24-hour skilled nursing care; provides assistance with activities of daily living; and collects payments for the provision of these services; all as further defined in MGL Ch. 19D, s. 1, as amended from time to time. A unit as defined in MGL Ch. 19D, s. 1 shall be a DWELLING UNIT under this Bylaw. [n/c]
- 6.6.10 Wireless Communication Facility - A facility for the reception and transmission of personal wireless communication signals operated by a public utility or commercial entity licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. A Wireless Communication Facility shall include reception and transmission equipment and fixtures, such as antennae and satellite dishes, and associated electronic and mechanical equipment, any tower or other STRUCTURE designed or used primarily to support or elevate such fixtures, and any accessory STRUCTURE or BUILDING necessary to shelter the equipment. [n/c]
- 6.6.11 Commercial Education or Instruction - A private, for-profit business engaged in providing instruction or training in skills of any kind, including business, data processing, programming, arts and crafts. [Proposed new section.]
- 5.5 Business USES**
- 5.5.1 Retail Store - An establishment with not more than 60,000 square feet in NET FLOOR AREA selling merchandise within a BUILDING to the general public. Said merchandise is not intended for resale. A Retail Store may have one or more vendors

within it and may occupy one whole BUILDING or a portion of a BUILDING. If a Retail Store occupies a portion of a BUILDING, its retail space shall be separated from other Retail Stores by complete walls or partitions, and customers must pay for purchases and exit the Retail Store before entering another Retail Store. A garden center, florist, or commercial greenhouse may have open-air display of horticultural products. [Note - this section currently reads: 3.5.1 Retail Store - An establishment engaged in displaying and selling goods or merchandise within a BUILDING to the general public or to business establishments which goods or merchandise are not intended for resale; except that a garden center, florist or commercial greenhouse may have open air display of horticultural products.]

- 5.5.2 Office - A business or professional office such as corporate offices or the offices of an attorney, doctor, dentist, architect, engineer, real estate agency, loan agency, or similar professional. [Note - this section currently reads: 3.5.2 Business or Professional Office - A business or professional office; a medical office or out-patient clinic, including laboratories incidental thereto.]

[Note: Present section 3.5.3 Financial eliminated. Proposed as part of 3.5.12 Services.]

- 3.3.3 Health Care Facility - A walk-in clinic, rehabilitation center, medical lab, dental lab, weight loss clinic, or similar facility. [Proposed new section.]

- 3.3.4 Hospital, Medical Center - A facility providing medical or surgical services to persons, including ambulatory and emergency services, and accessory facilities and functions that are an integral part of the facility such as laboratories, out-patient departments, training, staff offices, and similar adjunct facilities and functions. [Proposed new section.]

Note: If Article 37 - Technology District is adopted, adopt Alternate 1 of proposed section 3.5.5, otherwise adopt Alternate 2.

Alternate 1:

- 3.3.5 Restaurant - Establishment where food and beverages are sold within a BUILDING to customers for consumption 1) at a table or counter, or 2) on a patio closed on all sides with entrance to the patio normally available only from the BUILDING, or 3) off the premises as carry-out orders, except that drive-up service shall not be allowed, or 4) any combination of the above. In the OP-2 and the TD District, the minimum square footage for an individual restaurant shall be 5,000 square feet measured in NET FLOOR AREA.

Alternate 2:

- 3.5.5 Restaurant - Establishment where food and beverages are sold within a BUILDING to customers for consumption 1) at a table or counter, or 2) on a patio closed on all sides with entrance to the patio normally available only from the BUILDING, or 3) off the premises as carry-out orders, except that drive-up service shall not be allowed, or 4) any combination of the above. In the OP-2 District, the minimum square footage for an individual restaurant shall be 5,000 square feet measured in NET FLOOR AREA.

[Note - this section currently reads: 3.5.4 Restaurant - Establishment where food and beverages are sold within a BUILDING to customers for consumption 1) at a table or counter, or 2) on a patio closed on all sides with entrance to the patio normally available only from the BUILDING, or 3) off the premises as carry-out orders, except that drive-up service shall not be allowed, or 4) any combination of the above. In the OP-2 District, the minimum square footage for an individual restaurant shall be 5,000 square feet measured in NET FLOOR AREA, and no individual restaurant in the OP-2 District shall exceed 25,000 square feet measured in NET FLOOR AREA.]

- 3.3.6 Combined Business and Dwelling - A LOT used for business USES and for not more than four DWELLING UNITS except as otherwise provided for in the NAV and EAV Districts. Business USES and DWELLING UNITS may in the same BUILDING or in separate BUILDINGS. [Note: this section currently reads: 3.5.6 Combined Business and Dwelling - A LOT or a BUILDING on such LOT used for business USES and for not more than four DWELLING UNITS except as otherwise provided for in the NAV and EAV Districts.]

- 3.5.7 Hotel, Motel, Inn, Conference Center - A facility providing transient lodging accommodations to the general public or a facility for corporate meetings and conferences, which may include restaurants, swimming pool, exercise rooms, and banquet halls. Such a facility may also include small retail stores, and financial and other services that shall serve primarily the guests of the facility, and that shall not exceed a combined total of 1000 square feet in NET FLOOR AREA. In the NAV, EAV, and WAV Districts, the number of guestrooms shall not exceed five, and in the SAV District, the number of guestrooms shall not exceed eight. [Note - this section currently reads: 3.5.5 Hotel, Inn or Motel - A facility providing transient lodging accommodations to the general public. A hotel, inn or motel, including a bed & breakfast accommodation in the NAV, EAV and WAV Districts shall have not more than five (5) guest rooms, and in the SAV District not more than eight (8) guest rooms.]

8.8.8 Bed and Breakfast - A private owner-occupied dwelling where not more than eight rooms are let and a breakfast is included in the rent. [Proposed new section.]

[Note: Present section 3.5.8 - Funeral Home is deleted - see proposed section 3.5.12 Services.]

8.8.9 Lodge or Club - A private organization such as a fraternal, civic, alumni, or sports club, to which membership is limited or controlled. [Note - this section currently reads: 3.5.7 Lodge or Club - A facility used by a non-commercial organization which is characterized by formal written membership requirements.]

8.8.10 Veterinary Care - A facility where animals are given medical or surgical treatment, and short term boarding of animals within a fully enclosed BUILDING when incidental to the medical or surgical treatment. [Note - this section currently reads: 3.5.9 Veterinary Care - A facility where animals are given medical or surgical treatment and where boarding of animals is limited to short term care incidental to the medical or surgical treatment.]

8.8.11 Animal Boarding - Indoor or outdoor establishment where dogs, cats, or other pets are kept for the purpose of sale, training, breeding, or boarding care, including an animal shelter, and other activities related thereto. [Note - this section currently reads: 3.5.10 Commercial Kennel - Establishment where dogs, cats or other pets are kept for the purpose of sale, breeding or boarding care.]

8.8.12 Services - Establishments providing services directly to the consumer such as a bank, credit union, barber shop, beauty salon, laundry, dry-cleaning, funeral home, shoe repair, clothing rental shop, equipment rental or leasing, or similar USES or establishments. [Note - this section currently reads: 3.5.11 Services - Establishments providing services such as a barber shop, laundry or dry-cleaning, diaper service, shoe repair, tailor, weight loss clinic, clothing rental shop, equipment rental and leasing, building cleaning, photocopying, telephone answering, word processing, secretarial services, computer service bureau, music instruction, appliance and office equipment repair, bicycle repair, repair of lawn mowers and similar small equipment, and food catering.]

[Note: The present section 3.5.12 Studio is deleted. See proposed section 3.5.13 Repair Shops, Technical Shops, Studios.]

8.8.13 Repair Shop, Technical Shop, Studio - Repair and service of appliances, computers, office equipment, bicycles, lawn mowers, or similar small equipment; diaper service; building cleaning service; photocopying; secretarial service; tailor; food catering; photography or film studio; art studio; artisan's studio; music instruction or practice room; or similar USES or establishments. [Proposed new section]

8.8.14 Building Trade Shop - An establishment for use by the practitioner of a building trade such as a carpenter, welder, plumber, electrician, builder, mason, landscaping contractor, lawn care service, or similar occupation. [n/c, presently section 3.5.13]

8.8.15 Commercial Recreation - A facility operated as a business, open to the public for a per-visit or membership fee, and designed and equipped for the conduct and instruction of sports and recreation such as ice skating, roller skating, racquet ball, tennis, swimming, body building, fitness training, steam baths, sauna, aerobics, yoga, dancing, martial arts, bowling, horseback riding, skiing, ball games, golf course, country club, miniature golf, golf driving range, or similar customary and usual sports and recreational activities. [Note - this section currently reads: 3.5.14 Commercial Recreation - A facility operated as a business, open to the public for a per-visit or membership fee, and designed and equipped for the conduct and instruction of sports and recreation such as ice skating, roller skating, racquet ball, swimming, body building, fitness training, steam baths, sauna, aerobics, yoga, dancing, martial arts, bowling, horseback riding, skiing, ball games, golf, miniature golf, or other customary and usual sports and recreational activities.]

[Note: Present section 3.5.15 Commercial and Trade School is deleted: See proposed section 3.4.11 Private Education.]

8.8.16 Commercial Entertainment - An indoor facility such as a theatre, cinema, performing arts center, or video arcade. In the SAV District, only cinemas, theaters, or performing arts center shall be allowed. [Note - this section currently reads: 3.5.16 Amusement Facility - Indoor facilities open to the public for a fee or admission charge such as a theater, cinema, or video arcade. In the SAV District, only cinemas, theaters, or performing arts shall be allowed.]

8.8.17 Golf Course in Residential Districts - In the R-2, R-4, R-8, R-8/4, R-10/8, and R-10 Districts a commercial 18-hole golf course of at least 5,500 linear yards and at least 75 acres with customary and

incidental ACCESSORY USES including vehicular parking, a clubhouse, a pro shop for sale of golf related items only, an administrative office, and a restaurant. The total NET FLOOR AREA for such ACCESSORY USES shall not exceed 2,500 square feet unless entirely within a STRUCTURE in existence at the time of adoption of this Bylaw, but in no case shall the total NET FLOOR AREA devoted to such ACCESSORY USES exceed 5,000 square feet. In addition, one DWELLING UNIT may be located on the premises of the golf course. Such USE shall comply with the following requirements:

- 8.8.17.1 No tee, green, fairway, new BUILDING including improvements to existing BUILDINGS for golf related activities, and new parking area shall be within fifty feet of any property line.
- 8.8.17.2 New BUILDINGS and improvements to existing BUILDINGS for golf-related activities and new parking areas shall be screened year round from adjacent property by evergreens and other vegetative growth of mixed variety.
- 8.8.17.3 Except for irrigation, the operation of the course, including ACCESSORY USES, shall be limited to the hours between one-half hour before sunrise and one-half hour after sunset.
- 8.8.17.4 A contiguous area of at least forty percent of the parcel(s) devoted to the golf course and ACCESSORY USES shall be placed under a conservation restriction enforceable by the Town of Acton. Such restriction shall be for a period of not less than thirty years in duration, shall be renewable by the Town of Acton, and shall be evidenced by a deed in proper form and duly recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds or Land Court. The area placed under a conservation restriction shall not contain a greater percentage of wetlands, as defined in MGL Ch. 131, Section 40, than the percentage of wetlands found in the overall tract of land on which the golf course is to be located.
- 8.8.17.5 A State licensed person shall be responsible for applying pesticides and herbicides on the golf course site. Results from an approved laboratory of surface and GROUNDWATER samples shall be periodically provided to the Board of Health, the locations and frequency of testing to be determined by the Board of Health.
- 8.8.17.6 If a golf course is proposed on contiguous land within a residential district and a non-residential district, only fairways and greens shall be located

within the residential district. In such instance, the minimum tract of land size, length of golf course, and number of holes shall not apply, but the forty percent set-aside of land under conservation restriction as set forth in 3.5.17.4 shall apply to the residential district portion of the golf course. For administrative and permitting purposes, such a golf course shall be considered as Commercial Recreation and require a special permit and site plan special permit from the Board of Selectmen.

- 8.8.17.7 If a special permit is sought for a golf course in a residential district that abuts a golf course in an adjacent town, the minimum tract of land size, length of golf course and number of holes shall not apply. In such instance, only tees, fairways, and greens may be located within the Town of Acton, and the special permit granting authority shall be the Planning Board. [3.5.17 with its subsections is a proposed new section.]

- 8.8.18 Cross-Country Skiing in Residential Districts – In the R-2, R-4, R-8, R-8/4, R-10/8, and R-10 Districts, commercial cross-country ski courses on at least 25 acres of land with customary and incidental ACCESSORY USES including vehicular parking, a clubhouse, a store for the rental and sale of ski related items only, an administrative office, and a restaurant. The total NET FLOOR AREA for such ACCESSORY USES shall not exceed 2,500 square feet unless entirely within a STRUCTURE in existence at the time of adoption of this Bylaw, but in no case shall the total NET FLOOR AREA devoted to such ACCESSORY USES exceed 5,000 square feet. In addition, one DWELLING UNIT may be located on the premises of the cross-country ski courses. Such USE shall comply with the following requirements:

- 1.1.18.1 The operation of the cross-country skiing facility, including ACCESSORY USES, trail grooming and maintenance equipment, shall be limited to the hours between one-half hour before sunrise and one-half hour after sunset.
- 1.1.18.2 New BUILDINGS, including improvements to existing BUILDINGS for ski-related activities and new parking areas shall be screened year round from the adjacent property by evergreens and other vegetative growth of mixed variety.
- 1.1.18.3 No trail or new BUILDING including improvements to existing BUILDINGS for ski related activities and new parking area shall be located within fifty feet of any property line.

1.1.18.4 No so-called snowmobiles shall be permitted except for emergency or maintenance purposes. [3.5.18 with its subsections is a proposed new section.]

19.19.19 Vehicle Service Station - Sale of motor vehicle fuel and related products and services, including a convenience store if an integral part of the motor vehicle service station; or a car wash. All maintenance and service, other than minor service and emergency repairs, shall be conducted entirely within a building. No vehicle service station or car wash shall be located within 1,300 feet of another vehicle service station or car wash. [Note - this section currently reads: 3.5.17 Motor Vehicle Service Station - Facility for outdoor sale of motor vehicle fuels, related products and services provided that all major maintenance and servicing of vehicles shall be conducted entirely within a BUILDING.]

[Note: Current section 3.5.18 is to be deleted and replaced with proposed sections 3.5.20 and 3.5.21. Current section 3.5.18 describes motor vehicle repair and body shops in one definition as follows: 3.5.18 Motor Vehicle Service Station - Facility for outdoor sale of motor vehicle fuels, related products and services provided that all major maintenance and servicing of vehicles shall be conducted entirely within a BUILDING.]

19.19.20 Vehicle Repair – Establishment where the principal service is the mechanical repair, excluding body work, of automobiles, trucks, boats, motorcycles, trailers, recreational vehicles, farm equipment or similar motor vehicles, having a maximum gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds and a wheel base no larger than 135-inches, provided that all but minor repairs shall be conducted entirely within a BUILDING. [see previous note]

19.19.21 Vehicle Body Shop - Establishment where the principal service is the repair and painting of automobiles, trucks, boats, motorcycles, trailers, recreational vehicles, farm equipment or similar motor vehicles having a maximum gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds and a wheel base no larger than 135-inches, provided that all but minor repairs shall be conducted entirely within a BUILDING. [see previous note]

19.19.22 Vehicle Sale, Rental – Facility for the rental, leasing or sale of automobiles, trucks, boats, motorcycles, trailers, recreational vehicles, farm equipment or similar motor vehicles having a maximum gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds and a wheel base no larger than 135-inches; including open-air display. The open-air display area shall comply with the standards of Section 6.7 of this Bylaw. [Note - this section currently reads: 3.5.19 Light Vehicular

and Equipment Sales or Leasing - Salesroom and related facilities, including but not limited to open air display, for the sale and long term lease of automobiles, light trucks with a maximum of two axles, motorcycles, one axle trailers, recreational vehicles, and similar vehicles; boats; or light industrial or farm equipment.]

[Note: Present section 3.5.22 Car Wash is deleted, See proposed section 3.5.19 Vehicle Service Station.]

19.19.23 Parking Facility - Commercial parking open to the public for automobiles and similar light motor vehicles. [currently section 3.5.20; n/c]

19.19.24 Transportation Services - The parking or storage of ground transportation vehicles including buses, ambulances, limousines, taxis, liveries, wagons, or carriages. The primary purpose of the business shall be to provide transportation services to passengers. All vehicles stored or parked upon the premises shall be registered or licensed. [currently section 3.5.21; n/c]

19.19.25 Adult USES - An establishment having a substantial or significant portion of its stock in trade or other materials for sale, rental or display, which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis on matter depicting, describing, or relating to sexual conduct as defined in MGL Ch. 272, s. 31, such as but not limited to an adult bookstore, adult paraphernalia store, adult video store, or adult motion picture theater. Also, adult entertainment, which shall be an establishment in which workers or performers appear in a state of nudity or in a manner intended to arouse sexual excitement, as defined in MGL Ch. 272, s.31, for a substantial or significant portion of the time the establishment is open for business, or which derives a substantial or significant portion of its revenues from such occasions. The terms "substantial or significant portion" as used herein shall mean either ten percent or more of the business inventory or stock of merchandise for sale or rental at any point in time; or ten percent or more of the annual number of sales, rentals or other business transactions; or ten percent or more of the annual business revenue; or ten percent or more of the hours during which the establishment is open to the public. No Special Permit for an Adult USE shall be issued to any person convicted of violating the provisions of MGL, Ch. 119, s. 63 or Ch. 272, s. 28. [currently section 3.5.23; n/c]

6.6

Industrial USES

6.6.1 Warehouse - A BUILDING for the enclosed storage of goods and materials, including office, administrative, and support facilities related to the foregoing, but not a distribution plant; a personal self-storage facility or mini-warehouse. [Note - this section currently reads: 3.6.1 Warehouse - A BUILDING for the enclosed storage of goods and materials where the wholesale of goods or materials is permitted provided it is incidental to the warehouse USE.]

[Note: Present section 3.6.2 Mini-Warehouse deleted. See proposed section 3.6.1 Warehouse.]

[Note: Present sections 3.6.3 Construction Yard, 3.6.4 Lumber Yard, and 3.6.5 Heating Fuel Sales and Service deleted.]

6.6.2 Distribution Plant - Establishment for the temporary storage of merchandise, products, or equipment and its wholesale, distribution or re-distribution to the market, usually in smaller lots, or its sale directly to the consumer via remote sales, such as sales conducted via telephone or Internet; and support services for the foregoing, such as office and laboratory. [Proposed new section.]

6.6.3 Manufacturing – A manufacturing facility, such as a printing or publishing plant; manufacturing of building systems and components; fabrication and assembly of electronic components, precision instruments, or other high technology products; manufacturing of metal products or office supplies; software or hardware development or manufacturing; research or testing of new and emerging technologies and technological devices; establishments engaged in services related to the environment; or similar USES and activities; including office, administrative, laboratory, and support facilities related to the foregoing; but excluding scientific USE as defined in section 3.6.4. All operations shall confine disturbing smoke, fumes, dust, noise, and other emissions within the premises. No research or testing shall be conducted outside of a BUILDING. In the KC District, the maximum NET FLOOR AREA of an establishment that is classified as a Manufacturing USE shall not exceed 10,000 square feet. [Note - this section currently reads: 3.6.6 Light Manufacturing - Printing or publishing plant; manufacturing of BUILDING systems and components; fabrication and assembly of electronic components, precision instruments, or other high technology products; manufacture of light metal products, hardware and office supplies; or similar light manufacturing plants and facilities. In the KC District, the maximum NET FLOOR

AREA of an establishment that is classified as a Light Manufacturing USE shall not exceed 10,000 square feet.]

6.6.4 Scientific - Research and development in the fields of biotechnology, medical, pharmaceutical, physical, environmental, biological, or behavioral sciences and technology; wildlife medicine; genetic engineering; comparative medicine; bioengineering; cell biology; human and animal nutrition; and veterinary medicine; including the production of equipment, apparatus, machines or other devices for research, development, manufacturing advance, and practical application in any such field or area, and including offices, administrative, laboratory, and support facilities related to any of the foregoing activities. In the KC District, the maximum NET FLOOR AREA of an establishment that is classified as a Scientific USE shall not exceed 10,000 square feet. [Proposed new section.]

6.7 **Prohibited USES** - All USES that pose a present or potential hazard to human health, safety, welfare, or the environment through the emission of smoke, particulate matter, noise or vibration, or through fire or explosive hazard, or glare are expressly prohibited in all zoning districts. In addition, the following USES are expressly prohibited in all zoning districts:

- Aircraft assembly; landing or takeoff of motorized aircraft
- Amusement park
- Asphalt, block, or concrete plant
- Billboard
- Bottling plant
- Chemical storage and production facility
- Commercial extraction of earth products such as sand, gravel, soil, loam, rock, ore, or minerals, except when connected with the construction of BUILDINGS, STREETS, ways or other improvements to land in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Commercial or private dump, landfill, refuse incinerator, or other commercial or private solid waste disposal or processing facility
- Commercial or private sludge storage or disposal facility
- Drive-in or outdoor cinema
- Fertilizer plant
- Heating fuel sales, service and storage
- Manufacture, use, storage, transport or treatment, disposal and/or processing of explosive, toxic or hazardous materials as a principal activity
- Lumber Yard
- Mobile home; mobile home park; mobile home sales
- Meat packing and pet food plants, slaughterhouses
- Nuclear power generation
- Motor vehicle assembly
- Paper or pulp mill
- Privately owned cemetery
- Radioactive waste disposal or reprocessing of radioactive materials
- Refinery

Repair facility for trucks, buses, construction and industrial equipment Reclamation and Reprocessing of asphalt and/or concrete

Retail Store larger than 60,000 sq. ft. Sale of heavy vehicles, equipment or buses

Salvage yard and all open air storage of salvage materials and debris Stadium, coliseum, sports arena, race track

Storage or reprocessing of waste products and salvage materials such as non-operable vehicles or appliances Storage yard, contractor's yard or other open air establishment for storage, distribution, or sale of materials, merchandise, products or equipment

Tanneries, smelting or rendering plants, gelatin factory Trailer camp

Truck or trailer cleaning, washing facility or terminal Water resources development for private commercial sale

[Note - this section currently reads:

7.7 Prohibited USES - In addition to the USES listed below all USES that pose a present or potential hazard to human health, safety, welfare or the environment through the emission of smoke, particulate matter, noise or vibration, or through fire or explosive hazard or glare are expressly prohibited in all zoning districts. 3.7.1 Heavy Manufacturing - Asphalt, block, bottling, concrete or fertilizer plants; monument works; paper or pulp mill; refinery; rendering or smelting plants; slaughterhouses. 3.7.2 Storage - Non-municipal dump; salvage materials yard including non-operable motor vehicles; tank farm. 3.7.3 Amusement - Amusement park; outdoor cinema; stadium or coliseum. 3.7.4 General - Rental of autos, trucks or trailers, including truck-trailers; development of water resources for private commercial sale; landing or takeoff of motorized aircraft; hospital; mobile home; mobile home park; mobile home sales; privately owned cemetery; trailer camp; facility for truck or trailer cleaning and washing; or truck terminal. 3.7.5 Heavy Vehicular Sales or Repair Garage - Sales-room and related facilities, including but not limited to open air display of trucks, buses, construction and industrial equipment; establishments for the repair of trucks, buses, construction and industrial equipment.]

B. Section 3 - Table of Principal Uses: Delete the Table of Principal Uses in its entirety and replace it with a new Table of Principal Uses as follows:

[Notes:

- Y indicates that the principal use is allowed. N indicates that the principal use is not allowed. SPA, SPS, SPP indicate that the principal use may be allowed by special permit. In the column entitled Site Plan an R means that a Site Plan Special Permit is required, a NR means it is not required.
- Where changes are proposed to the regulations of principal uses the present regulations are shown in [ITALIC BRACKETS]. Proposed new principal use categories are shown in **bold Italics**. For current principal use categories proposed for deletion or relocation see Part A of this article.
- Districts: R-2 through R-10/8 - single family residential districts; R-A & R-AA - multifamily districts; VR - Village Residential district (West Acton area); SAV, WAV, NAV, EAV - South -, West -, North -, and East Acton Village districts; OP-1 - office district at Nagog Park; OP-2 - office district on Rt. 2 (Piper to Hosmer); GB - General Business district (scattered areas); LB - Limited Business district (Rt. 2A); KC - Kelley's Corner business district; LI - Light Industrial district (Craig Road and scattered sites); GI - General Industrial district (Haartz plant, Powder Mill Road area); LI-1 - Light Industrial district (Acton Center, Post Office Square); IP - Industrial Park district (W.R. Grace and Airco properties); SM - Small Manufacturing district (North Acton, East Acton); ARC - Agriculture, Recreation, Conservation district.]
- If Article 36 is adopted, adopt in the table below column "PM" and discard column "GB", otherwise adopt column "GB" and discard column "PM".
- If Article 37 is adopted, adopt in the table below column "TD" and discard column "IP", otherwise adopt column "IP" and discard column "TD".

TABLE OF PRINCIPAL USES

Principal Uses listed in this Table are subject to provisions in corresponding Section 3.

	RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS				VILLAGE DISTRICTS				OFFICE DISTRICTS				BUSINESS DISTRICTS				INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT				SITE PLAN			
	R-2, R-4	R-8, R-8/4, R-10 &	R-10/8	R-A	R-AA	VR	SAV	WAV	NAV	EAV	OP-1	OP-2	PM	GB	LB	KC	LI	GI	LI-1	TD		IP	SM	ARC
PRINCIPAL USES																								
3.2 GENERAL USES																								
3.2.1 Agriculture	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR
3.2.2 Conservation	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR
3.2.3 Reservation	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	NR
	[SPS]	[SPS]	[SPS]	[SPS]	[SPS]	[SPS]	[Y]	[SPS]	[SPS]	[SPS]	[Y]			[Y]	[Y]	[Y]	[Y]	[Y]	[Y]		[Y]	[Y]	[Y]	[R]
3.3 RESIDENTIAL USES																								
3.3.1 Single Family Dwelling	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	NR
3.3.2 Single Family Dwelling with One Apartment	Y(1)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	NR
3.3.3 Dwelling Conversions	[Y(2)]	[Y(2)]	[Y(2)]	[Y(2)]	[Y(2)]	[Y(2)]	[Y(2)]	[Y(2)]	[Y(2)]	[Y(2)]				[Y(2)]	[Y(2)]	[Y(2)]	[Y(2)]							
	SPA	SPA	SPA	SPA	SPA	SPA	SPA	SPA	SPA	SPA	N	N	SPA	SPA	SPA	SPA	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	NR
3.3.4 Multifamily Dwelling	N	SPS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N(3)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	R
			[SPA(5)]	[Y(5)]	[Y(5)]	[Y(5)]	[Y(5)]	[Y(5)]	[Y(5)]	[N(1)]														
3.4 GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONAL & PUBLIC SERVICE USES																								
3.4.1 Municipal	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR
3.4.2 Educational	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR
3.4.3 Religious	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR
3.4.4 Nursing Home	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	NR
3.4.5 Public or Private Utility Facility	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	R
3.4.6 Child Care Facility	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR
3.4.7 Other Public Use (4)	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	[R]
3.4.8 Full Service Retirement Community	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	R
3.4.9 Assisted Living Residence	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	N	N	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	R
3.4.10 Wireless Communication Facility (6) [presently note (10)]	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP	N	N	N	N	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP	NR
3.4.11 Commercial Education or Instruction	N	N	N	N	N	N	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	SPS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	R
3.5 BUSINESS USES																								
3.5.1 Retail Store	N	N	N	N	N	Y(7)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	R
3.5.2 Office	N	N	N	N	N	Y(6)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	[N]	[N]	[N]	Y	Y	Y	N	R
3.5.3 Health Care Facility	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	[N]	[N]	[N]	[N]	[N]	[N]	N	R
3.5.4 Hospital, Medical, Center	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	R
3.5.5 Restaurant (8) [presently note (7)]	N	N	N	N	N	SPS(7)	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	N	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	R
3.5.6 Combined Business & Dwelling	N	N	N	N	N	Y(7)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	R
3.5.7 Hotel, Motel, Inn, Conference Center	N	N	N	N	N	Y(6)	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	N	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	[SPS]	[SPS]	[SPS]	SPS	SPS	N	N	R
3.5.8 Bed & Breakfast	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	[SPS]	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	R

Principal Uses listed in this Table are subject to provisions in corresponding Section 3.

PRINCIPAL USES	RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS				VILLAGE DISTRICTS			OFFICE DISTRICTS			BUSINESS DISTRICTS			INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT					SITE PLAN					
	R-2, R-4	R-8, R-8/4, R-10 &	R-10/8	R-A	R-AA	VR	SAV	WAV	NAV	EAV	OP-1	OP-2	PM	GB	LB	KC	LI	GI	LI-1	TD	IP	SM	ARC	PLAN
3.5.9 Lodge or Club	N	N	N	N	N	N	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	N	N	SPS	SPS	[Y]	SPS	N	N	[Y]	N	N	N	N	R
3.5.10 Veterinary Care	N	N	N	N	N	SPS(7)	SPS	SPS	N	N	N	N	Y	[SPS]	[Y]	Y	Y	[Y]	Y	N	N	[Y]	N	R
3.5.11 Animal Boarding	N	N	N	N	N	[SPS(6)]	N	N	N	N	N	N	SPS	SPS	SPS	N	[N]	[SPS]	[SPS]	N	[SPS]	N	N	R
3.5.12 Services	N	N	N	N	N	Y(7)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	R	
3.5.13 Repair Shop, Technical Shop, Studio	N	N	N	N	N	[Y(6)]	Y	Y	Y	Y	[N(3)]	[N(3)]	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	[Y]	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	R
3.5.14 Building Trade Shop	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	R
3.5.15 Commercial Recreation (9)	N	N	N	N	N	N	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	[Y]	N	N	SPS	SPS	SPS	[N]	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	R
3.5.16 Commercial Entertainment	N	N	N	N	N	N	SPS	SPS	N	N	N	N	N	SPS	SPS	SPS	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	R
3.5.17 Golf Course in Residential Districts	SPP	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	[SPS]	N	N	[SPS]	[SPS]	N	NR
3.5.18 Cross-Country Skiing in Residential Districts	SPP	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	NR
3.5.19 Vehicle Service Station	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	SPS	N	N	Y	Y	Y	SPS	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	R
3.5.20 Vehicle Repair	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	SPS	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	SPS	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	R
3.5.21 Vehicle Body Shop	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	R
3.5.22 Vehicle Sale, Rental	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	[SPS]	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	R
3.5.23 Parking Facility	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	R
3.5.24 Transportation Services	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	[SPS]	[SPS]	Y	Y	N	N	N	SPS	N	[N]	[N]	[SPS]	N	R
3.5.25 Adult Uses	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	SPS	N	N	[N]	N	N	N	N	N	SPS	[SPS]	N	N	R
3.6 INDUSTRIAL USES																								
3.6.1 Warehouse	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	R
3.6.2 Distribution Plant	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	[SPS]	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	N	N	N	N	N	SPS	[N]	N	R
3.6.3 Manufacturing	N	N	N	N	N	N	SPS	SPS	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	SPS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	R
3.6.4 Scientific	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	SPS	R

And, delete the Notes for Table of Principal Uses and replace them with the following new notes:

NOTES FOR TABLE OF PRINCIPAL USES

- (1) A Single FAMILY Dwelling with one Apartment shall require a Special Permit from the Board of Appeals, if located on a LOT with less than 15,000 square feet in LOT area, or if the Apartment is located in a detached BUILDING. See Sections 3.3.2.9 and 3.3.2.10 of USE Definitions. *[Presently note (2). Only the section references are adjusted.]*
- (2) Not more than four DWELLING UNITS shall be permitted per multifamily dwelling. At least one of the DWELLING UNITS shall be occupied by the owner of the property. For purposes of this footnote, the owner shall be defined as one or more individuals residing in a DWELLING UNIT who hold legal or beneficial title and for whom the DWELLING UNIT is the primary residence for voting and tax purposes. In the VR District a Site Plan Special Permit shall not be required. *[Presently note (5). Note: The last sentence is a proposed addition.]*

[Present note (3) - 'Telephone answering, word processing or secretarial services, and computer service bureaus shall be permitted' - to be deleted. Services added as accessory use in part C of this article.]

- (3) Multifamily dwellings created under the provisions of Section 5.4 and Section 5.5 shall be permitted. *[Presently note (1).]*
- (4) If the proposed USE will be located in the Floodway Fringe, as defined in Section 4.1, or Zones 1, 2 or 3 of the Groundwater Protection District, as defined in Section 4.3, before granting a special permit under this Section the applicant shall submit the information required under Sections 4.1 or 4.3 and the Board of Selectmen shall find that the proposed USE complies with the requirements of Sections 4.1.8.1 and 4.1.9, and 4.3.8 through 4.3.10 respectively. *[Presently note (4).]*
- (5) Assisted Living Residences with 10 or fewer residents shall not require a Special Permit or Site Plan Special Permit. *[Presently note (8).]*
- (6) Refer to Section 3.10 for specific standards for Wireless Communication Facilities and for certain categorical exemptions from the requirements set forth in the Table of PRINCIPAL USES. *[Presently note (10).]*

- (7) Provided that the owner of the property resides on the property, the business USE is limited to 500 square feet of NET FLOOR AREA, and all parking spaces are provided to the rear or side of the BUILDING. For purposes of this footnote, the owner shall be defined as one or more individuals residing in a DWELLING UNIT who hold legal or beneficial title and for whom the DWELLING UNIT is the primary residence for voting and tax purposes. The business USE hereunder shall not be deemed a home occupation. Home occupations are authorized separately under Section 3.8.1.2. Site Plan Special Permit shall not be required. Hours of business operation shall be limited to 7 AM to 9 PM Monday through Saturday, except hours of retail sale shall be limited to 7 AM to 7 PM Monday through Saturday. Exterior lighting fixtures for the business USE shall not be illuminated except during hours of business operation. *[Presently note (6).]*
- (8) No Special Permit shall be required for a Restaurant with 10 seats or less. *[Presently note (7).]*
- (9) No Special Permit shall be required for Commercial Recreation facilities with a NET FLOOR AREA of less than 2,000 square feet. *[Presently note (9).]*

C. Section 3 - Table of Principal Uses: Delete the first sentence after the title of section 3.1 and replace it with the following new sentence:

"No land, STRUCTURE, or BUILDING shall be used except for the purposes permitted in the district as set forth in this section, except where other regulations apply due to overlay districts or special permit provisions as set forth in this Bylaw." *[Note - this sentence currently reads: No land, STRUCTURE or BUILDING shall be used except for the purposes permitted in the district as set forth in this section unless otherwise permitted in this Bylaw.]*

D. In section 3.8, Accessory Use Regulations, delete sections 3.8.2, 3.8.3, and 3.8.4 and replace them with a new section 3.8.2 as follows:

- 2.8.2 ACCESSORY USES permitted in the Office, Business, and Industrial Districts.
 - 1.1.1.1 Truck or trailer cleaning and washing provided that the trucks or trailers are necessary for the conduct of the PRINCIPAL USE.
 - 1.1.1.2 Drive-up facilities in a bank.
 - 1.1.1.3 An employee food service area established exclusively to serve employees of the PRINCIPAL USE.

- 1.1.1.4 Facilities for training employees of the PRINCIPAL USE.
- 1.1.1.5 The following ACCESSORY USES, provided that their combined NET FLOOR AREA does not exceed 5% of the total NET FLOOR AREA that is occupied by the PRINCIPAL USE, and that they are conducted primarily as a service for employees, customers and clients of the PRINCIPAL USE:
- a) The retail sale of goods and merchandise.
 - b) Services as listed in section 3.5.12.
 - c) The sale of food and beverages, other than an employee food service area under section 3.8.2.3.

- 1.1.1.1 In the Industrial Districts only, outdoor storage of materials, goods, and equipment provided that all outdoor storage areas are completely screened from view from adjacent and nearby STREETS and properties.

[Note: Sections 3.8.2, 3.8.3, and 3.8.4 currently read as follows:

- 2.8.2 ACCESSORY USES Permitted in the General Business, Limited Business and Kelley's Corner Districts.

- 3.8.2.1 The rental of automobiles, light trucks or trailers, and similar light motor vehicles provided that such rental is secondary to the operation of 1) a Motor Vehicle Service Station allowed under section 3.5.17, 2) a USE permitted under section 3.5.11 - Services, or 3) Light Vehicular and Equipment Sales or Leasing allowed under section 3.5.19.

- 3.8.2.2 Truck or trailer cleaning and washing provided that the trucks or trailers are necessary for the conduct of the PRINCIPAL USE.

- 3.8.2.3 Drive-up facilities in a bank.

- 2.8.3 ACCESSORY USES Permitted in the Industrial Districts

- 1.1.3.1 USES necessary in connection with scientific research or scientific development or related production may be authorized by special permit from the Board of Selectmen.

- 1.1.3.2 Truck or trailer cleaning and washing provided that the trucks or trailers are necessary for the conduct of the PRINCIPAL USE of the property.

- 2.8.4 ACCESSORY USES allowed in the Office and Industrial Districts:

- 1.1.3.1 An employee food service area established exclusively to serve employees of the PRINCIPAL USE.

- 1.1.3.2 The following ACCESSORY USES, provided that their combined NET FLOOR AREA does not exceed 5% of the total NET FLOOR AREA that is occupied by the PRINCIPAL USE, and that they are conducted primarily as a service for employees, customers and clients of the PRINCIPAL USE

:

- a) The retail sale of goods and merchandise.
- b) Financial Services.
- c) The sale of food and beverages, other than an employee food service area under section 3.8.4.1.]

And, renumber section 3.8.5 to become section 3.8.3.

- E. In Section 3.9, Special Provisions Applicable to Nonresidential Uses, delete section 3.9.2 and renumber current section 3.9.3 to become section 3.9.2.

[Note - section 3.9.2 currently reads: 3.9.2 Outdoor storage of materials, goods and equipment shall not be allowed except in the General Industrial and Industrial Park Districts. However, the open air display for the sale of automobiles, light trucks, recreational vehicles or similar vehicles shall be permitted wherever light vehicular and equipment sales is a permitted USE, provided that the open air display area complies with the standards of Section 6.7 of this Bylaw.]

- F. In Section 3.9, Special Provisions Applicable to Nonresidential Uses, delete section 3.9.3 and replace it with a new section 3.9.3 as follows: [Note: The current section 3.9.3 is renumbered to 3.9.2 in Part E of this article]

- 3.3.3 Nonresidential USES in the KC District - On LOTS in the KC District where the FLOOR AREA RATIO exceeds 0.20, only the following USES may be located on the ground floor side of the BUILDING that is facing a STREET: Retail Store; Restaurant; Hotel, Motel Inn, Conference Center; Bed & Breakfast; Lodge or Club; Services; Commercial Entertainment; real estate agency; insurance agency; travel agency; law office; medical and dental offices; walk-in clinic; small equipment repair service; tailor; and photography studio. All other USES shall be located on BUILDING floors other than the ground level floor, on the ground level floor in a rear portion of a BUILDING, or in a BUILDING situated in the rear of other BUILDINGS that face one or more STREETS, and be hidden or screened so as to be unobtrusive when viewed from a STREET. [Note - this section currently reads: 3.9.3 Nonresidential USES in the KC District - On LOTS in the KC District where the FLOOR

AREA RATIO exceeds 0.20, only the following USES may be located on the ground floor side of the BUILDING that is facing a STREET: Retail Store; Financial; Restaurant; Hotel, Inn or Motel; Lodge or Club; Veterinary Care; Personal Services; General Services; Studio; Amusement Facility; real estate agencies; insurance agencies; travel agencies; law offices and medical and dental offices. All other USES shall be located on BUILDING floors other than the ground level floor, on the ground level floor in a rear portion of a BUILDING, or in a BUILDING situated in the rear of other BUILDINGS that face one or more STREETS, and be hidden or screened so as to be unobtrusive when viewed from a STREET]

- G. In Table 4.3.7.2 (Section 4.3), Use Regulations within the Groundwater Protection District, delete items 3. and 4. and replace them with new items 3. and 4. as follows: [Current language in [brackets].]

	ZONE 1 Well Protection Area	ZONE 1 Recharge Protection Area	ZONE 1 Aquifer Protection Area
3. Vehiele Repair or Vehiele Body Shop (Motor Vehicle Repair Facility)	N	N	Y
4. Vehicle STORAGE for the purposes of leasing, rental, sale, resale, parts, recovery, or similar USES (Motor vehicle STORAGE for the purposes of leasing, rental, sale, resale, parts recovery, or similar USES)	N	N	Y

- H. In section 5.3.11, dimensional standards for Full Service Retirement Communities, delete the last row in the table of section 5.3.11.1 and replace it with the following new row:

Maximum total NET FLOOR AREA occupied by allowed Business USES such as Retail Store, Restaurant, and Services
[Note - this row currently reads:

Maximum total NET FLOOR AREA occupied by allowed Business USES such as Retail Store, Financial, Restaurant, and Services

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the smaller of 10,000 sq. ft. or 10% of the total NET FLOOR AREA in the Full Service Retirement Community
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- I. In section 5.5, Special Provisions for Village Districts, delete section 5.5.2 in its entirety and replace it with a new section 5.5.2 as follows:

- 5.5.2 Maximum Floor Area of Businesses and Industries
- The maximum NET FLOOR AREA of an individual business or industrial establishment shall not exceed the following (all limits expressed in square feet): [Note: Where changes are proposed the present language and regulation are shown in [brackets]; proposed additions are shown on bold; proposed deletions are shown in strikethrough.]

PRINCIPAL USESVILLAGE DISTRICTS

	SAV	WAV	NAV	EAV
3.5.1 Retail Store	3,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
3.5.2 Office [Business or Professional Office]	3,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
3.5.3 Financial	3,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
3.5.3 Health Care Facility	3,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
3.5.5 Restaurant	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
3.5.9 Lodge or Club	5,000	5,000	NR	NR
3.5.10 Veterinary Care	3,000	3,000	NR	NR
3.5.12 Services	3,000	3,000	5,000	5,000
3.5.12 Studio	NR	3,000	NR	NR
3.5.13 Repair Shop, Technical Shop, Studio	3,000	3,000	5,000	5,000
3.5.14 Building Trade Shop	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
3.5.15 Commercial Recreation	NR	5,000	NR	NR
3.5.16 Commercial Entertainment [Amusement Facility]	NR	5,000	NR	NR
3.6.3 [Light] Manufacturing	5,000	5,000	NR	NR

NR = No Regulation

- J. In section 5.6, Special Provisions for Kelley's Corner District, delete section 5.6.3.4.f) and replace it with a new section 5.6.3.4.f) as follows:

- f) On the BUILDING fronts, the ground floor shall be occupied, or designed to be available for occupancy, by Retail Stores; Restaurants; Hotel, Motel, Inn, Conference Center; Lodges or Clubs; Bed & Breakfast; Services; Commercial Entertainment; real estate agencies; insurance agencies; travel agencies; law offices; medical and dental offices; walk-in clinics; small equipment repair services; tailors; or photography studios.

[Note - this section currently reads: f) On the BUILDING fronts, the ground floor shall be occupied, or designed to be available for occupancy, by Retail Stores, Financial services, Restaurants, Hotel, Inn or Motel, Lodges or Clubs, Veterinary Care providers, Personal Services, General Services, Studios, Amusement Facilities, real estate agencies, insurance agencies, travel agencies, law offices, or medical and dental offices.]

- K. In section 6.3, Minimum Parking Space Requirements by Use, delete sections 6.3.1.6, 6.3.1.7, 6.3.1.9, 6.3.1.1, 6.3.1.4, and 6.3.15 and replace them with new sections as set forth below: (Note: Present language is shown in brackets

6.3.1.6	Retail Stores and Services not listed below; Repair Shop, Technical Shop, Studio; Restaurants without seating (Retail Stores not listed below; Services; studio; Restaurant without seating)	One space for each 300 square feet of NET FLOOR AREA
6.3.1.7	Bank; Credit Union; Convenience Store; Shopping Center with two or more retail Stores (Financial; Convenience Store; Shopping Center (two or more) retail stores)	Three spaces per 1,000 s.f. of NET FLOOR AREA
6.3.1.9	Office (Business; Profession Office)	One space for each 250 square feet of NET FLOOR AREA
6.3.1.12	Hotel, Motel, Inn, Conference Center (Hotel, Inn or Motel)	One space for each bedroom, plus one space per 4 persons of rated capacity of conference rooms, banquet halls, restaurants, and other adjunct facilities (One space for each bedroom)
6.3.1.14	Commercial Recreation; Commercial Entertainment; Auditorium (Commercial Recreation; Amusement Facility; Auditorium)	One space per four seats or one space per 200 s.f. of NET FLOOR AREA or one space per 4 persons of rated capacity, whichever is greater.
6.3.1.15	Vehicle Service Station; Vehicle Repair; Vehicle Body Shop (Motor Vehicle Service Station; Motor Vehicle Repair or Body Shop; Car Wash)	Two spaces plus three spaces for each service bay

L. In section 7, Signs and Advertising Devices, insert a new section 7.11 as follows:

7.11 SIGNS for Golf Courses and Cross-Country Skiing in Residential Districts - One FREESTANDING SIGN may be ERECTED for a Golf Course or a Cross-Country Skiing course that is located in a residential district. The FREESTANDING SIGN shall have a maximum height of 5 feet and the DISPLAY AREA shall not exceed 8 square feet. In addition, said USES may erect one WALL SIGN on the main building with a maximum DISPLAY AREA of 20 square feet.

And

Renumber current sections 7.11 and 7.12 to become sections 7.12 and 7.13 respectively.

Also, in Section 7.6, delete the words "Sections 7.7 through 7.12" and replace them with the new words "Sections 7.7 through 7.13".

M. In section 8.2, Nonconforming Uses, delete section 8.2.2 and replace it with a new section 8.2.2 as follows:

2.2.2 Changing a Nonconforming USE - A nonconforming USE may not be changed to another nonconforming USE except in accordance with the following requirements. The Board of Appeals may authorize by special permit a change from a nonconforming USE to another nonconforming USE provided the Board of Appeals finds that the proposed USE is in harmony with the character of the neighborhood and the applicable requirements of the zoning district, and provided further that in the Residential, Village and Office Districts the Board of Appeals may authorize a change only to one of the following other nonconforming USES (all USES as listed in the Table of Principal USES): *[n/c]*

- a) In Residential Districts: Multifamily Dwelling; Commercial Education or Instruction; Retail Store; Office; Veterinary Care; Services; Repair Shop, Technical Shop, Studio; except that a nonconforming Multifamily Dwelling may not be changed to another nonconforming USE.
- b) In Village Districts: Multifamily Dwelling, Veterinary Care, Commercial Entertainment, Manufacturing.
- c) In Office Districts: Hotel, Motel, Inn, Conference Center.

[Note - Subsection a) through c) currently read: a) In Residential Districts: Multifamily Dwelling, Retail Store, Business or Professional Office, Financial, Veterinary Care, Personal Services, General Services, Studio, Commercial & Trade School; except that a nonconforming Multifamily Dwelling may not be changed to another nonconforming USE; b) In Village Districts: Multifamily Dwelling, Funeral Home, Veterinary Care, Amusement Facility; Light Manufacturing; and c) In Office Districts: Hotel, Inn or Motel.]

N. In section 9A, Planned Unit Development (PUD), delete section 9A.7.1 and replace it with a new section 9A.7.1 as follows: [Note: Where changes are proposed the present use titles are shown in *[italic brackets]*; proposed deletions are shown in ~~strikethrough~~; proposed additions are shown in *italic bold*.]

9A.7.1 Permitted USES - The following USES are permitted in a PUD. As listed hereinafter, the permitted USES correspond to the listing in the Table of PRINCIPAL USES in Section 3, and except as provided otherwise in this Section, the definitions of PRINCIPAL USES as set forth in Section 3 shall apply.

3.2 GENERAL USES

- 3.2.1 Agriculture
- 3.2.2 Conservation
- 3.2.3 Recreation

3.3 RESIDENTIAL USES

- 3.3.1 Single Family Dwelling
- 3.3.2 Single Family
- 3.3.3 Dwelling Conversions
- 3.3.4 Multifamily Dwelling

3.4 GOVERNMENTAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND PUBLIC SERVICE USES

- 3.4.1 Municipal
- 3.4.2 Educational
- 3.4.3 Religious
- 3.4.4 Nursing Home
- 3.4.5 Public or Private Utility Facilities
- 3.4.6 Child Care Facility
- 3.4.7 Other Public Use
- 3.4.8 Full Service Retirement Community
- 3.4.9 Assisted Living Residence
- 3.4.10 Wireless Communication Facility
- 3.4.11 *Commercial Education or Instruction*

3.5 BUSINESS USES

- 3.5.1 Retail Store
- 3.5.2 Office *[Business or Professional]*
- ~~3.5.3 Financial~~
- 3.5.3 *Health Care Facility*
- 3.5.4 *Hospital, Medical Center*
- 3.5.5 Restaurant

- 3.5.6 Combined Business and Dwelling
- 3.5.7 *Hotel, Motel, Inn, Conference Center*
- 3.5.8 *Bed & Breakfast*
- 3.5.10 *Veterinary Care*
- ~~3.5.12 Studio~~
- 3.5.12 Services
- 3.5.13 *Repair Shop, Technical Shop, Studio*
- 3.5.14 *Building Trade Shop*
- 3.5.15 Commercial Recreation
- ~~3.5.15 Commercial or Trade School~~
- 3.5.23 Parking Facility
- 3.6 INDUSTRIAL USES
- 3.6.1 Warehouse
- 3.6.2 *Distribution Plant*
- 3.6.3 *[Light] Manufacturing*
- 3.6.4 *Scientific*

or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Ms. Rosenzweig moves in the words of the article, provided however, that the text of Alternate 2 on page 81 of the Warrant is deleted in its entirety and the columns PM and TD on page 89 are adopted and GB & IP are deleted.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 40 SENIOR RESIDENCE (2/3 vote Required)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Acton Zoning Bylaw as follows:

[Notes in italic print are not part of the Article but are intended for explanation only.]

- A. Amend section 1.3, Definitions, to insert the following definition:

SENIOR - An individual who is 55 years of age or older.

And renumber the present sections 1.3.15 through 1.3.19 to become 1.3.16 through 1.3.20 respectively.

- B. In the beginning of section 3.3, delete paragraph c) and replace it with the following new paragraph c):
 - c) where a special permit has been granted for the following: a Planned Conservation Residential Community (PCRC) under section 9 of this Bylaw; a Planned Unit Development (PUD) under section 9A of this Bylaw; an Independent SENIOR Residence under section 9B of this Bylaw; an AFFORDABLE Housing Development under section 4.4 of this Bylaw; a single FAMILY dwelling with one Apartment in a detached BUILDING under section 3.3.2.9.b) of this Bylaw.

(Note: The beginning of section 3.3 presently reads as follows: 3.3 Residential USES -Not more than one BUILDING for dwelling purposes shall be located upon a LOT, except a) in the following Districts: Village Districts (EAV, NAV, SAV, WAV); Residence A District (R-A); Residence AA District (R-AA); b) for the following USES: Nursing Home; Full Service Retirement Community; Assisted Living Residence as defined in this Bylaw or in MGL. ch. 19D; and c) where a special permit has been granted for the following: a Planned Conservation Residential Community (PCRC) under section 9 of this Bylaw; a Planned Unit Development (PUD) under section 9A of this Bylaw; an AFFORDABLE Housing Development under section 4.4 of this Bylaw; a single FAMILY dwelling with one Apartment in a detached BUILDING under section 3.3.2.9.b) of this Bylaw.)

- C. Insert a new Section 9B, SENIOR RESIDENCE, as set forth below:

SECTION 9B

SENIOR RESIDENCE

- 9B.1 **Purpose** - The purpose of SENIOR Residence is to enhance the public welfare by:

- a) encouraging the development of choices of independent living accommodations for SENIORS in general;
- b) encouraging the development of housing that is suitable for SENIORS with disabilities;
- c) encouraging the development of affordable housing for SENIORS with low and moderate income; While:
- d) protecting Acton's New England character by development of land in clusters and villages, which is in greater harmony with Acton's historic development patterns and less demanding on its natural resources;
- e) preserving land for conservation, open space, recreation, agriculture and forestry;
- f) preserving significant land and water resources, natural areas, scenic vistas, and historic or archeological sites;
- g) reducing the typical costs of providing municipal services to residential developments.

- 9B.2 **Special Permit** - The Planning Board may grant special permits for the development and construction of a SENIOR Residence development in the R-2, R-4, R-8, R-8/4, and R-10/8 Districts in accordance with this Section and MGL, Ch. 40A, s.9.

- 9B.2.1 Application for a Special Permit - Any person who desires a SENIOR Residence Special Permit shall

submit a written application with a site plan that meets the requirements set forth herein and in the Rules and Regulations for SENIOR Residence special permits.

- 9B.2.2 Subdivision - If a SENIOR Residence development requires approval under the Subdivision Control Law, MGL, Ch. 41, the application shall contain a definitive subdivision plan as required by the Acton Subdivision Rules and Regulations. The applications for a SENIOR Residence special permit and a definitive subdivision approval plan shall be filed concurrently. To the extent permitted by law, the Planning Board shall consider both applications at the same time.

- 9B.3 **Planning Board Action** - In evaluating a proposed SENIOR Residence development, the Planning Board shall consider the general objectives of this bylaw and of this section 9B in particular; the existing and probable future development of surrounding areas; and the appropriateness of the proposed site plan in relation to the topography, soils and other characteristics and resources of the TRACT OF LAND in question. The Planning Board may grant a special permit for a SENIOR Residence development if it finds that it:

- a) protects and enhances Acton's New England character, its environmental and historic resources, and scenic vistas;
- b) provides Common Land that benefits the residents of the Town and the SENIOR Residence development;
- c) provides quality housing for SENIORS with a range of incomes and physical abilities;
- d) provides for the safety of vehicular movement, and for the safety and convenience of pedestrians in a manner that is compatible with Acton's New England character and the needs of SENIORS;
- e) is consistent with the Acton Master Plan as amended;
- f) is in harmony with the purpose and intent of this bylaw;
- g) will not be detrimental or injurious to the neighborhood in which it is to take place;
- h) is appropriate for the site in question;
- i) complies with the applicable requirements of the bylaw; and
- j) meets the purpose of this section 9B.

The Planning Board may require changes to the SENIOR Residence site plan and impose additional conditions, safeguards and limitations as it deems necessary to secure the objectives of this bylaw.

- 9B.4 **Allowed USES** - Only the following USES shall be allowed in a SENIOR Residence development:

- 9B.4.1 Single FAMILY dwellings.

- 9B.4.2 Single FAMILY dwellings with one apartment.
- 9B.4.3 Multifamily dwellings.
- 9B.4.4 ACCESSORY USES typically associated with residential USES.
- 9B.4.5 Support services to meet SENIORS' needs, such as skilled nursing service, medical and other health service, recreation and leisure facilities, a community center, or food service.
- 9B.4.6 Convenience services intended primarily for its residents, such as Retail Stores, Banks, Restaurants, and Services provided that not more than 10% of the total NET FLOOR AREA of the development is dedicated to such uses.
- 9B.4.7 Allowed USES on the Common Land as set forth herein.
- 9B.5 **Dimensional Regulations** - A SENIOR Residence development shall comply with the following dimensional regulations for the area of the TRACT OF LAND, density, BUILDINGS, and STRUCTURES:
 - 9B.5.1 Minimum TRACT OF LAND area: 8 acres. For the purpose of this section, the Planning Board may consider LOTS on directly opposite sides of a STREET as a single TRACT OF LAND.
 - 9B.5.2 Maximum density: 4 DWELLING UNITS per acre in the R-2 District, and 3 DWELLING UNITS per acre in the R-4, R-8, R-8/4, and R-10/8 Districts, based on the total development site including the Common Land.
 - 9B.5.3 Minimum setbacks for BUILDINGS and STRUCTURES: 45 feet from any existing STREET; 15 feet from a STREET, way or common drive within the site; 30 feet from any lot line and the Common Land boundary.
 - 9B.5.4 Minimum separation of BUILDINGS: 20 feet.
 - 9B.5.5 Maximum height of BUILDINGS and STRUCTURES: 36 feet.
 - 9B.5.6 Maximum number of DWELLING UNITS per BUILDING: 4.
 - 9B.5.7 Maximum horizontal dimension of a BUILDING: 200 feet.
 - 9B.5.8 Each DWELLING UNIT shall have at least two separate exterior entrances at ground level.
 - 9B.5.9 Where the requirements of this section 9B differ from or conflict with other requirements of the Bylaw, the requirements established herein shall prevail.
 - 9B.5.10 The Planning Board may impose other dimensional requirements as it deems appropriate to enhance the purpose and intent of this bylaw.
- Parking Requirements** - 2 vehicular parking spaces per principal DWELLING UNIT, plus sufficient parking spaces for visitors, accessory facilities, and services as determined by the Planning Board.
 - 9B.1
 - 9B.2 **Storm Water Runoff** - The peak rate of storm water runoff from a SENIOR Residence development shall not exceed the rate existing before the new construction based on a 10-year design storm.
 - 9B.3 **Environmental Protection** - The Planning Board, in granting a Special Permit for a SENIOR Residence, may impose reasonable conditions to protect the environment, and the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood, of residents in the proposed development, and of the general public. Such conditions may include, but shall not necessarily be limited to, requirements for the advanced treatment of wastewater effluent, the location of wastewater effluent disposal, and necessary limitations on the total number of DWELLING UNITS to prevent negative impacts on the groundwater and other existing or potential public water resources.
 - 9B.4 **Common Land Standards:**
 - 9B.9.1 Dimensional Requirements for the Common Land - In a SENIOR Residence development, at least sixty percent (60%) of the land shall be set aside as Common Land for the use of the SENIOR residents or the general public. The following additional requirements shall apply:
 - 9B.9.1.1 The minimum required area of the Common Land shall not contain a greater percentage of wetlands, as defined in MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, than the percentage of wetlands found in the overall TRACT OF LAND on which the SENIOR Residence development is located.
 - 9B.9.1.2 The minimum Common Land shall be laid out as one or more large, contiguous parcels that are distinct from parcels dedicated for other purposes or USES. Each Common Land parcel shall contain at least one access corridor to a STREET or way that shall be not less than 40 feet wide.

9B.9.1.3 If the TRACT OF LAND of the SENIOR Residence development abuts adjacent Common Land or undeveloped LOTS, the Common Land shall be laid out to abut the adjacent Common Land or undeveloped LOTS.

9B.9.2 USE of the Common Land - The Common Land shall be dedicated and used for conservation, historic preservation and education, outdoor education, recreation, park purposes, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, or for a combination of those USES. No other USES shall be allowed in the Common Land, except as provided for herein:

9B.9.2.1 The proposed USE of the Common Land shall be specified on a Land Use Plan and appropriate dedications and restrictions shall be part of the deed to the Common Land. The Planning Board shall have the authority to approve or disapprove particular USES proposed for the Common Land in order to enhance the specific purposes of this section 9B.

9B.9.2.2 The Common Land shall remain unbuilt upon, provided that an overall maximum of five (5) percent of such land may be subject to pavement and STRUCTURES accessory to the dedicated USE or USES of the Common Land.

9B.9.2.3 In addition, a portion of the Common Land may also be used for the construction of leaching areas, if associated with septic disposal systems serving the SENIOR Residence development, and if such use, in the opinion of the Planning Board, enhances the specific purpose of this section 9B and promotes better overall site planning. Septic disposal easements shall be no larger than reasonably necessary. If any portion of the Common Land is used for the purpose of such leaching areas, the Planning Board shall require adequate assurances and covenants that such facilities shall be maintained by the owners of the DWELLING UNITS in the SENIOR Residence development.

9B.9.2.4 In addition, a portion of the Common Land may also be used for ways serving as pedestrian walks, bicycle paths, and emergency access or egress to the SENIOR Residence development or adjacent land, if such a use, in the opinion of the Planning Board, enhances the general purpose of this Bylaw and enhances better site and community planning, and if the Planning Board finds that adequate assurances and covenants exist, to ensure proper maintenance of such facilities by the owner of the Common Land.

9B.9.2.5 Portions of the Common Land that are in excess of the minimum Common Land total area and upland area as calculated in accordance with section 9B.9.1,

including its subsection 9B.9.1.1, may be used for storm water detention and retention facilities serving the STREETS and ways in the SENIOR Residence development, including infrastructure such as pipes, swales, catch basins, and manholes, and parcels and easements associated with such facilities.

9B.9.3 Ownership of the Common Land - The Common Land shall be conveyed in whole or in part to the Town of Acton and accepted by it, or to a non-profit organization, the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space and/or any of the purposes and USES to which the Common Land may be dedicated. The Common Land may also be conveyed to a corporation or trust owned or to be owned by the owners of DWELLING UNITS within the SENIOR Residence development. The Planning Board shall approve the form of ownership of the Common Land. If the Common Land or any portion thereof is not conveyed to the Town of Acton, a perpetual restriction, approved by the Planning Board and enforceable by the Town of Acton, shall be imposed on the use of such land, providing in substance that the land be kept in its open or natural state and that the land shall not be built upon or developed or used except in accordance with the provisions for a SENIOR Residence development as set forth herein and, if applicable, as further specified in the decision of the Planning Board governing the individual SENIOR Residence development. At the time of its conveyance, the Common Land shall be free of all encumbrances, mortgages, tax liens or other claims, except as to easements, restrictions and encumbrances required or permitted by this Bylaw.

9B.5 **Accessibility** - All DWELLING UNITS in a SENIOR Residence development shall be designed and constructed to be adaptable with only minor structural changes to meet the requirements for Group 2B residences as set forth in the Massachusetts Building Code, 521CMR (Architectural Access Board), as amended.

9B.6 **Age Restriction** - All DWELLING UNITS in a SENIOR Residence development shall be subject to an age restriction described in a deed, deed rider, restrictive covenant, or other document that shall be recorded at the Registry of Deeds or the Land Court. The age restriction shall limit the DWELLING UNITS to occupancy by SENIORS, age 55 or older, or their spouses of any age; provide for reasonable, time-limited guest visitation rights; and authorize special exceptions that allow persons of all ages to live in a DWELLING UNIT together with a SENIOR resident as the Planning Board shall further define and specify in its special permit. The age restriction shall run with the land in perpetuity and shall be enforceable by any or all of the owners of DWELLING UNITS in the

SENIOR Residence development or by the Town of Acton.

9B.7 **Affordability** - Some of the DWELLING UNITS in a SENIOR Residence development shall be sold, rented, or leased at prices and rates that are affordable to LOW and MODERATE INCOME SENIORS, as more specifically set forth in the following:

9B.12.1 **AFFORDABLE SENIOR RESIDENCE** defined - The term AFFORDABLE SENIOR RESIDENCE as used in this section 9B shall refer to DWELLING UNITS, which are restricted to sale, lease or rental (1) to SENIORS within specific income and asset limitations, and (2) at specific price limits, both in accordance with provisions set forth in any State or Federal rental assistance programs, subsidy programs for reducing mortgage payments, or other programs that provide for affordable housing for low and moderate income SENIORS, and that are in effect at the time that the project application is made to the Planning Board.

9B.12.2 **Basic Affordability Component** - At least 5% of the DWELLING UNITS in a SENIOR Residence development, rounded to the next integer, shall be AFFORDABLE SENIOR RESIDENCES. When rounding, fractions of .5 shall be rounded up.

9B.12.3 **Density Bonus Option** - The total number of allowable DWELLING UNITS in a SENIOR Residence development may be doubled to 8 per acre in the R-2 District, and to 6 per acre in the R-4, R-8, R-8/4, and R-10/8 Districts provided that at least 20% of the DWELLING UNITS in the SENIOR Residence development, rounded to the next integer, are AFFORDABLE SENIOR RESIDENCES. When rounding, fractions of .5 shall be rounded up.

9B.12.4 **Affordability Standards** - Subject to Planning Board approval, an applicant for a SENIOR Residence special permit may utilize an available State or Federal assistance program or choose to meet the AFFORDABLE SENIOR RESIDENCE requirements by utilizing income and asset standards, and by establishing rents, leases, sales prices, entry fees, condominium fees, and other costs for AFFORDABLE SENIOR RESIDENCES that are generally consistent with available affordable housing assistance programs.

9B.12.5 **Affordability Restrictions** - AFFORDABLE SENIOR RESIDENCES shall be maintained as such for the life of the SENIOR Residence development. Each AFFORDABLE SENIOR RESIDENCE shall be rented or sold to its initial and all subsequent buyers or tenants subject to deed riders, restrictive covenants, con-

tractual agreements, or other mechanisms restricting the USE and occupancy, rent levels, sales prices, resale prices, and other cost factors to assure their long term affordability. These restrictions shall be in force for such maximum time as may be permitted under applicable state law governing such restrictions. They shall be enforceable and renewable by the Town of Acton through standard procedures provided by applicable law.

9B.12.5.1 The Planning Board may require that the restrictions for AFFORDABLE SENIOR RESIDENCES contain a right of first refusal to the Town of Acton or its designee at the restricted resale value, and that the owner provides notice of such right of first refusal to the Town of Acton or its designee prior to selling the AFFORDABLE SENIOR RESIDENCE with adequate time for the Town or its designee to exercise the right of first refusal.

9B.12.5.2 Nothing in this Section shall be construed to cause eviction of an owner or tenant of an AFFORDABLE SENIOR RESIDENCE due to loss of his/her income eligibility status during the time of ownership or tenancy. Rather, the restrictions governing an AFFORDABLE SENIOR RESIDENCE shall be enforced upon resale, re-rental, or re-release of the AFFORDABLE SENIOR RESIDENCE. The mechanisms and remedies to enforce the restrictions governing an AFFORDABLE SENIOR RESIDENCE upon resale, re-rental, or re-release shall be set forth in its deed restrictions.

9B.12.5.3 All contractual agreements with the Town of Acton and other documents necessary to insure the long term affordability of an AFFORDABLE SENIOR RESIDENCE shall be executed prior to the issuance of any building permit for it.

9B.12.6 **Locations and compatibility of AFFORDABLE SENIOR RESIDENCES** - AFFORDABLE SENIOR RESIDENCES shall be dispersed throughout the development to insure a true mix of market-rate and AFFORDABLE SENIOR RESIDENCES. The exterior of AFFORDABLE SENIOR RESIDENCES shall be compatible with, and as much as possible indistinguishable from, market-rate DWELLING UNITS in the SENIOR Residence development. All internal design features of AFFORDABLE SENIOR RESIDENCES shall be substantially the same as those of market-rate DWELLING UNITS.

9B.12.7 **Local Preference** - Unless otherwise regulated by an applicable Federal or State agency under a financing or other subsidy program, at least sixty-five percent (65%) of the AFFORDABLE SENIOR RESIDENCES shall be initially offered to Acton SENIORS.

9B.12.7.1 Residency in Acton shall be established through Town Clerk certification based on the Town Census, voter registration, or other acceptable evidence.

9B.12.7.2 Purchaser/tenant selection - Procedures for the selection of purchasers and/or tenants shall be subject to approval by the Town of Acton or its designee.

9B.12.7.3 These restrictions shall be in force for 120 days from the date of the first offering of sale or rental of a particular AFFORDABLE SENIOR RESIDENCE. The developer of the SENIOR Residence shall make a diligent effort to locate eligible purchasers or renters for the AFFORDABLE SENIOR RESIDENCE who meet the local preference criteria and the applicable income requirements.

9B.12.8 Timing of construction - As a condition of the issuance of a special permit under this Section, the Planning Board may set a time or development schedule for the construction of AFFORDABLE SENIOR RESIDENCES and market-rate DWELLING UNITS in the SENIOR Residence.

9B.8 **Streets, Utilities and Lighting** - Generally, all STREETS and ways, drainage facilities, and utilities shall be designed and constructed in compliance with the Acton Subdivision Rules and Regulations whether or not the SENIOR Residence development is a subdivision. The Planning Board may approve exceptions to the Subdivision Rules and Regulations provided the Board determines such exceptions are consistent with the purposes of this bylaw. The Planning Board may impose appropriate standards for all outdoor lighting within a SENIOR Residence development.

9B.9 **Performance Guarantee** - Before the issuance of any building permits for SENIOR Residences, the applicant shall secure the required improvements for STREETS, ways, drainage, erosion control and other items specified by the Planning Board with a performance guarantee consistent with the Acton Subdivision Rules and Regulations.

9B.10 **Revisions and Amendments** - Following the approval of a SENIOR Residence development, any change in the layout of STREETS and ways; in the configuration, ownership or use of the Common Land; or any other change which, in the opinion of the Building Commissioner, would significantly alter the character of the SENIOR Residence development, shall require the written approval of the Planning Board. The Planning Board may, upon its own determination, require a new Special Permit and hold a public hearing pursuant to the requirements of this bylaw if it finds that the proposed changes are substantial in nature and of public concern.

or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Foster moves in the words of the article.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 41 OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENT (OSD) AND PLANNED CONSERVATION RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY (PCRC) REVISIONS (2/3 vote Required)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Acton Zoning Bylaw as follows:

[Notes in italic print are not part of the Article but are intended for explanation only.]

A. Amend section 4.2 - Open Space Development (OSD) as follows:

1. In section 4.2.3.3, delete subsection e) and replace it with the following new subsection e):

e) Minimum Front Yard: 45 feet from a pre-existing STREET. The minimum front yard measured from a new STREET within the Open Space Development shall be 15 feet in the R-2 District and 20 feet in the R-4, R-8, R-8/4, R-10 and R-10/8 Districts.

[Note - subsection e) presently reads: e) Minimum Front Yard: In the R-2 District not less than 15 feet; in the R-4, R-8, R-8/4, R-10, and R-10/8 Districts not less than 20 feet.]

2. In section 4.2.3.4, delete subsections b) and d) and replace them with a new subsection b) as follows:

b) The minimum Common Land shall be laid out as one or more large, contiguous parcels that are distinct from parcels dedicated for other purposes and USES. Each Common Land parcel shall contain at least one access corridor to a STREET or way that shall be not less than 40 feet wide.

[Note - subsections b) and d) presently read: b) Common Land shall be planned as large, contiguous parcels whenever possible. Strips or narrow parcels of Common shall be permitted only when necessary for ACCESS, or if the Planning Board finds that a vegetated buffer strip along the site's perimeter is appropriate and consistent with the purpose and intent of Open Space Development. Common Land may be set aside in more than one parcel provided that the size, shape and location of such parcels are suitable for the designated uses. d) The Common Land shall be provided with adequate ACCESS, at least 20 feet wide.]

and delete subsection c) and replace it with:

ditions on the locations of BUILDINGS and STRUCTURES, as it deems appropriate to enhance the purpose and intent of PCRC.

- c) If the TRACT OF LAND of the Open Space Development abuts adjacent Common Land or undeveloped LOTS, the Common Land shall be laid out to abut the adjacent Common Land or undeveloped LOTS.

[Note - this subsection currently reads: c) If the TRACT OF LAND abuts adjacent Common Land or undeveloped LOTS, the Common Land shall be connected with such adjacent Common Land and with such undeveloped LOTS.]

[Note - this section presently reads: 9.6.2.2 Setback Requirements - There shall be no minimum LOT area, FRONTAGE, LOT width or yard requirements within a PCRC provided, however, that the Planning Board may impose appropriate conditions on the location of BUILDINGS and STRUCTURES. No residential BUILDING shall be located within 15 feet of a public way, private way, or common drive, or within 30 feet of the boundary line of the PCRC or the Common Land and the minimum distance between residential BUILDINGS within the Planned Conservation Residential Community shall be 20 feet. The Planning Board may require larger setbacks and distances, and it may permit smaller setbacks and distances if it finds that such smaller setbacks will not detract from the purpose and intent of a PCRC.]

3. In section 4.2.3.5, add a new subsection e) as follows:

- e) Portions of the Common Land that are in excess of the minimum Common Land total area and upland area as calculated in accordance with section 4.2.3.4, including its subsection a), may be used for storm water detention and retention facilities serving the LOTS, STREETS and ways in the Open Space Development, including infrastructure such as pipes, swales, catch basins, and man-holes, and parcels and easements associated with such facilities.

2. In section 9.6.2.3 delete the section header and replace it with a new section header as follows:

9.6.2.3 Number of DWELLING UNITS - The maximum number of DWELLING UNITS permitted in a PCRC shall be 90% of the following, rounded up to the next integer:

- B. Amend section 9 - Planned Conservation Residential Community (PCRC) as follows:

1. Delete section 9.6.2.2 and replace it with a new section 9.6.2.2 as follows:

2.2.2.2 Dimensional Requirements for BUILDINGS - There shall be no minimum LOT area, FRONTAGE, LOT width, or yard requirements within a PCRC, except as follows:

- a) No BUILDINGS or STRUCTURES shall be located within 45 feet of a pre-existing STREET, or within 15 feet of a new STREET, way, or common drive within the PCRC.
- b) No BUILDINGS or STRUCTURES shall be located within 30 feet of the boundary line of the PCRC or the Common Land.
- c) The minimum distance between residential BUILDINGS shall be 20 feet.
- d) Where a residential BUILDING measures more than 3000 square feet of GROSS FLOOR AREA per DWELLING UNIT, including any attached garages, the minimum setback from a street, way, or common drive within the PCRC shall be 30 feet, and the minimum separation to the next residential BUILDING shall be 40 feet.
- e) The Planning Board may impose other con-

[Note - section 9.6.2.3 presently reads: 9.6.2.3 Number of DWELLING UNITS - The maximum number of DWELLING UNITS permitted in a PCRC shall be: a) In the R-2 District: 1 DWELLING UNIT per 20,000 square feet of area of the TRACT OF LAND on which the PCRC is located, including the Common Land. b) In the R-4 and R-8/4 Districts: 1 DWELLING UNIT per 40,000 square feet of area of the TRACT OF LAND on which the PCRC is located, including the Common Land. c) In the R-8 and R-10/8 Districts: 1 DWELLING UNIT per 80,000 square feet of area of the TRACT OF LAND on which the PCRC is located, including the Common Land. d) In the R-10 District: 1 DWELLING UNIT per 100,000 square feet of area of the TRACT OF LAND on which the PCRC is located, including the Common Land. e) In the AFFORDABLE Housing Overlay District - Sub-Districts A and B: The number of DWELLING UNITS may be increased pursuant to the formulas provided in Section 4.4.3.1 and subject to the requirements of Sections 4.4.5, 4.4.6, 4.4.7, 4.4.8 and 4.4.9. The inclusion of AFFORDABLE DWELLING UNITS in compliance with the above referenced Sections of this Bylaw shall be authorized under a Special Permit for a PCRC.]

3. In section 9.6.3.1, delete subsections b) and d) and replace them with a new subsections b) as follows:

- b) The minimum Common Land shall be laid out as one or more large, contiguous parcels that are distinct from parcels dedicated for other purposes and USES. Each Common

Land parcel shall contain at least one access corridor to a STREET or way that shall be not less than 40 feet wide.

[Note - these subsections b) and d) presently read: b) Common Land shall be planned as large, contiguous parcels whenever possible. Strips or narrow parcels of Common Land shall be permitted only when necessary for ACCESS, or if the Planning Board finds that a vegetated buffer strip along the site's perimeter is appropriate and consistent with the purpose and intent of PCRC development. Common Land may be set aside in more than one parcel provided that the size, shape and location of such parcels are suitable for the designated USES. d) The Common Land shall include adequate upland ACCESS from a way or STREET, at least 40 feet wide.]

and delete subsection c) and replace it with:

- c) If the TRACT OF LAND of the Open Space Development abuts adjacent Common Land or undeveloped LOTS, the Common Land shall be laid out to abut the adjacent Common Land or undeveloped LOTS.

[Note - this subsection currently reads: c) If the TRACT OF LAND abuts adjacent Common Land or undeveloped LOTS, the Common Land shall be connected with such adjacent Common Land and with such undeveloped LOTS.]

4. In section 9.6.3.2, add a new subsection e) as follows:

- e) Portions of the Common Land that are in excess of the minimum Common Land total area and upland area as calculated in accordance with section 9.6.3.1, including its subsection a), may be used for storm water detention and retention facilities serving the LOTS, STREETS and ways in the PCRC, including infrastructure such as pipes, swales, catch basins, and manholes, and parcels and easements associated with such facilities.

or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Ashton moves in the words of the article except in B.3.c on page 111 of the Warrant, delete the words "Open Space Development" and replace with "PCRC".

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 42 HOUSEKEEPING - CORRECTIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, MINOR MODIFICATIONS

(2/3 vote Required)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Acton Zoning Bylaw and map as follows:

[Notes in italic print are not part of the Article but are intended for explanation only.]

- A. Zoning bylaw - section 1.3, Definitions. Delete section 1.3.3 and replace it with:

1.3.3 BUILDING: A STRUCTURE enclosed within exterior walls, built or erected with any combination of materials, whether portable or fixed, having a roof, to form a STRUCTURE for the shelter of persons, animals, or property.

[Note - this section currently reads:

1.3.3 BUILDING: A STRUCTURE enclosed within exterior walls, built, erected and framed of a combination of any materials, whether portable or fixed, having a roof, to form a STRUCTURE for the shelter of persons, animals or property.]

- B. Zoning bylaw - section 1.3, Definitions. Delete section 1.3.15 - sub-section 3) and replace it with:

3) a public or private way, improved in accordance with a plan approved and endorsed by the Planning Board under the Acton subdivision rules and regulations and the subdivision control law;

[Note - sub-section 3) of section 1.3.15 currently reads: 3) a public or private way shown on a plan theretofore approved and endorsed in accordance with the Subdivision Control Law. This section is renumbered to 1.3.16 if previous Article 40 is adopted.]

- C. Zoning bylaw - section 1.4, Applicability. In section 1.4 add a subsection 1.4.1 as follows:

1.1.1 STREETS and railroad rights of way in existence as of January 1, 2000 shall be reserved for transportation purposes and shall not be built upon, used, or otherwise obstructed to hinder or prevent their present or future use and service as transportation facilities, except that STREETS may be discontinued, abandoned or relocated in accordance with the applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

- D. Zoning bylaw - section 4.3, Groundwater Protection District, Table 4.3.7.2 - Use Regulations within the Groundwater Protection District. Insert into the Table 4.3.7.2 a new section 25 as follows:

	Area	Protection	Protection
		Area	Area
		N	Y
25.	Treatment or disposal works for non-sanitary wastewater that are subject to 310 CMR 22.21 (2)(a)6 as amended, except the treatment and discharge of water runoff in compliance with section 4.3.6.3 of this bylaw	N	Y
A.	Zoning bylaw - section 5.8, Special Provisions for LOTS with Approval Not Required (ANR) Plan Exemption. Delete section 5.8 in its entirety.		

[Note - this section currently reads: 5.8 Special Provisions for LOTS with Approval Not Required (ANR) Plan Exemption - Any land protected under MGL, Ch. 40A, s. 6, against a change in the applicable USE regulations by the filing of an Approval Not Required (ANR) Plan shall be subject to the dimensional regulations set forth below for the duration of the protection period: 5.8.1 If a LOT in a Residential District is protected for Business District USES, the dimensional standards set forth for the Limited Business (LB) District shall apply to any nonresidential USE on the LOT, except that the minimum LOT FRONTAGE may be reduced to the minimum LOT FRONTAGE required under the previous USE and zoning district standard if the LOT does not meet the minimum LOT FRONTAGE required in the LB District. 5.8.2 If a LOT in a Residential District is protected for Industrial District USES, the dimensional standards set forth for the LI-1 District shall apply to any nonresidential USE on the LOT, except that the minimum LOT FRONTAGE may be reduced to the minimum LOT FRONTAGE required under the previous USE and zoning district standard if the LOT does not meet the minimum LOT FRONTAGE required in the LI-1 District. 5.8.3 Except as provided in 5.8.1 and 5.8.2 any LOT protected under an ANR exemption shall be subject to the dimensional standards set forth for the zoning district in which the LOT is located.]

- B. Zoning bylaw - sections 6.7, Parking Lot Design Requirements. In the first paragraph of section 6.7, delete the words “a single and two-FAMILY residential USE” and replace them with:

“a single to four-FAMILY residential USE”.

[Note this paragraph presently reads: All parking lots shall be designed in compliance with the following design standards, except as provided in Section 6.9. In addition, the following standards shall not apply to parking lots serving a single or two FAMILY residential USE, an Assisted Living Residence with 10 or less residents, a religious USE, and to parking lots with up to 15 parking spaces serving a Conservation USE.]

- C. Zoning bylaw - section 6.9.2.6, Parking Lot Design Requirements in the WAV and SAV Dis-

tricts. In the first paragraph of section 6.9.2.6, delete the words “a single or two-FAMILY residential USE” and replace them with:

“a single to four-FAMILY residential USE”.

[Note this paragraph presently reads: Off-STREET parking spaces, except parking spaces serving a single or two FAMILY residential USE or an Assisted Living Residence with 10 or less residents, shall be either contained within a BUILDING or STRUCTURE or subject to the following requirements.]

- D. Zoning bylaw - sections 6.9.3.5, Parking Lot Design Requirements and Landscaping in the KC District. Delete the first sentence of section 6.9.3.5 and replace it with:

“Off-STREET parking spaces, except spaces serving a single to four-FAMILY residential USE or an Assisted Living Residence with 10 or less residents, shall either be contained within a BUILDING or STRUCTURE, or be provided in accordance with the design requirements of section 6.7 including all its subsections”.

[Note this sentence presently reads: Off-STREET parking spaces, except parking spaces serving a single or two FAMILY residential USE, shall either be contained within a BUILDING or STRUCTURE, or be provided in accordance with the design requirements of Section 6.7 including all its subsections.]

- E. Zoning bylaw - section 9A.7.2.3, Setback requirements in a Planned Unit Development. Delete subsection a) and replace it with:

- a) All BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES and facilities within a PUD shall maintain a minimum setback of 20 feet from the PUD boundary, and 30 feet where the PUD boundary coincides with a STREET sideline. Except for single family dwellings with or without one apartment, including accessory STRUCTURES and facilities thereto, all BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES and facilities shall be set back at least 50 feet from the PUD boundary where the adjacent land or the land on the opposite STREET side is within a Residential District. All BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, and facilities within a PUD shall be separated or shielded from adjacent property lines by means of a buffer, adequate in the opinion of the Planning Board, which shall include landscaping elements.

[Note - this subsection presently reads: a) All STRUCTURES and facilities within a PUD shall be set back not less

than 50 feet from the property line of adjacent LOTS within a Residential District, or from the front LOT line where land on the opposite side of a STREET is located in a Residential District. All STRUCTURES and facilities within a PUD shall be separated or shielded from adjacent property lines by means of a buffer, adequate in the opinion of the Planning Board, which shall include landscaping elements.]

F. Zoning bylaw – section 10.4, Site Plan Special Permit. Delete section 10.4.3.1 and replace it with:

10.4.3.1 Storm Water Runoff - The peak rate of storm water runoff from the development site shall not exceed the rate existing prior to the new construction based on a 10-year design storm. The storm water drainage facilities on the site shall be designed to prevent any overflow onto a STREET. The Board of Selectmen may authorize the use of storm water drainage facilities located off the development site and designed to serve one or more LOTS provided it finds that:

- 1) the peak rate of storm water runoff from such off-site facilities does not exceed the rate existing prior to the new construction based on a 25-year design storm; and
- 2) the applicant has retained the rights and powers necessary to assure that the off- site storm water drainage facilities will be properly maintained in good working order.

[Note - this section currently reads: 10.4.3.1 Storm Water Runoff - For any site containing 80,000 square feet of land area or more, the peak rate of storm water runoff from the development site shall not exceed the rate existing prior to the new construction based on a 10 year design storm. The Board of Selectmen may authorize the use of storm water drainage facilities located off the development site and designed to serve one or more LOTS provided it finds that: 1) the peak rate of storm water runoff from such off site facilities does not exceed the rate existing prior to the new construction based on a 25 year design storm; and 2) the applicant has retained the rights and powers necessary to assure that the off site storm water drainage facilities will be properly maintained in good working order.]

G. Zoning map - Amend the zoning map to rezone to Agriculture Recreation Conservation (ARC) the following parcels of land identified by their 1999 Town Atlas map and parcel numbers: [The present zoning designation, owner, and address are provided for informational purposes.]

map	parcel	present zoning	owner	street address
E-4	47-1	R-8/4	Acton Water District	8 Post Office Sq, behind
F-4	40-4	R-2	Town of Acton	7 Concord Pl, beside
G-2	184	R-2	Town of Acton	19 Overlook Dr, behind
G-2	184-1	R-2	Town of Acton	17 Overlook Dr, behind
G-2	185	R-2	Town of Acton	84 Central St, behind
G-2	193-14	R-2	Town of Acton	19 Overlook Dr, beside
G-2	194	R-2	Town of Acton	15 Overlook Dr, behind
G-2	194-1	R-2	Town of Acton	13 Overlook Dr, behind
G-2	194-2	R-2	Town of Acton	11 Overlook Dr, behind
G-2	194-3	R-2	Town of Acton	9 Overlook Dr, behind
G-2	194-4	R-2	Town of Acton	7 Overlook Dr, behind
G-2	195	R-2	Town of Acton	7 Overlook Dr, behind
G-3	79	R-2	Town of Acton	18 Stoney St
G-3	83	R-2	Town of Acton	16 Stoney St
G-3	84	R-2	Town of Acton	15 Stoney St
G-3	86	R-2	Town of Acton	14 Stoney St
G-3	87	R-2	Town of Acton	13 Stoney St
G-3	112	R-2	Town of Acton	12 Stoney St
G-3	113	R-2	Town of Acton	11 Stoney St
G-3	115	R-2	Town of Acton	10 Stoney St
G-3	116	R-2	Town of Acton	9 Stoney St
G-3	124	R-2	Town of Acton	8 Stoney St
G-3	125	R-2	Town of Acton	7 Stoney St
G-3	126	R-2	Town of Acton	58 Piper Rd
G-3	139	R-2	Town of Acton	6 Stoney St
G-3	140	R-2	Town of Acton	5 Stoney St

map	parcel	present zoning	owner	street address
G-3	141	R-2	Town of Acton	56 Piper Rd
G-3	162	R-2	Town of Acton	4 Stoney St
G-3	163	R-2	Town of Acton	54 Piper Rd
G-3	167	R-2	Town of Acton	1 Ann Av
G-3	168	R-2	Town of Acton	52 Piper Rd
G-3	191	R-2	Town of Acton	4 Ann Av
G-3	192	R-2	Town of Acton	50 Piper Rd
H-2	7-5	R-2	Town of Acton	3 Overlook Dr, behind
H-2	7-11	R-2	Town of Acton	1 Overlook Dr, behind
H-2	7-16	R-2	Town of Acton	5 Overlook Dr, behind
I-3	153	R-4	Town of Acton (expected in 2000)	

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Carlton Dr

or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Millett moves in the words of the article.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 43** ELDERLY TAX RELIEF - REAUTHORIZE CHAPTER 73 OF THE ACTS OF 1986 (Majority Vote)

To see if the Town will vote to continue to accept the provisions of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, providing for a 100% increase in certain property tax exemptions, or take any other action relative thereto.

CONSENT MOTION: Mr. Ashton moves that the Town continue to accept Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 as amended, which doubles certain property tax exemptions as allowed by this statute.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 44 EARTH DAY RESOLUTION (Majority Vote)

To see if the Town will vote to support the following Resolution:

Whereas for the past 30 years, Earth Day has been an occasion both to celebrate the Earth and raise awareness of what we need to do to keep our world clean, peaceful, and self-sustaining, and

Whereas Acton's Earth Day 2000 Committee plans an Earth Day celebration on April 29, 2000, at the NARA Park, to acknowledge citizen and Town actions, and to challenge ourselves to even grater efforts, and

Whereas the Town of Acton and its citizenry share in the bounty of, and responsibility to, the natural world,

Therefore, be it resolved that the citizens of the Town of Acton and the Board of Selectmen hereby support the efforts of the Earth Day committee and endorse the goals and celebration of Earth Day 2000.

or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Ms. Sagoff moves the Resolution as set forth in the article be adopted.

RESOLUTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 45** STREET ACCEPTANCE - CARLTON DRIVE EXTENSION (2/3 Vote Required)

To see if the Town will accept as a public way the following street or portion thereof, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen according to plans on file with the Town Clerk, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to take the fee or easement in said street by eminent domain or otherwise, including easements for drainage, utility, sidewalk or other purposes as shown on said plans or described in the Order of Layout.

In the CARLTON DRIVE EXTENSION SUBDIVISION

CARLTON DRIVE EXTENSION – from the previous limit of acceptance at the northerly end of Carlton Drive a distance of 495 feet, more or less, in an easterly direction to the easterly sideline of a 70.00 foot radius cul-de-sac (including the cul-de-sac), this being the entire road.

or take any other action relative thereto.

CONSENT MOTION: Mr. Shupert moves that the Town accept as a public way the street listed in the Article, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen according to the plans on file with the Town Clerk, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to take the fee or easements for drainage, utility, or other purposes where shown on said plan or described in the Order of Layout.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 46 STREET ACCEPTANCE – GUSWOOD ROAD EXTENSION
(2/3 Vote Required)

To see if the Town will accept as a public way the following street or portion thereof, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen according to plans on file with the Town Clerk, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to take the fee or easement in said street by eminent domain or otherwise, including easements for drainage, utility, sidewalk or other purposes as shown on said plans or described in the Order of Layout.

In the LUPINE PATH SUBDIVISION

GUSWOOD ROAD EXTENSION – from the previous limit of acceptance at the southerly end of Guswood Road a distance of 396 feet, more or less, in an easterly direction to the easterly sideline of a 70.00 foot radius cul-de-sac (including the cul-de-sac), this being the entire road.

or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Shupert moves in the words of the article.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 47 ACCEPTANCE OF LAND GIFT- 10 CARLISLE ROAD**
(Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a gift from Robert E. Mills a parcel of vacant land located at 10 Carlisle Road and shown as Lot 23 on a plan recorded in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 8790, Page 586, said lot contains 26,200 square feet of land and is shown as Parcel 32 on Map C-5 of the Town Atlas, for general municipal purposes, or take any other action relative thereto.

CONSENT MOTION: Mr. Shupert moves in the words of the article

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 48 ACCEPTANCE OF LAND GIFT – CARLTON DRIVE**
(Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a gift from the Maynard Country Club, Inc., for general municipal purposes, three parcels of vacant land on Carlton Drive Extension shown as Parcel 3 – 15,098 S.F., Parcel 4 – 95,630 S.F. and Lot 4A – 61,142 S.F. on a plan recorded in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, as Plan Number 752 of 1998, said parcels are also shown on Map I-3 of the Town Atlas as Parcels 127, 150, and 153, or take any other action relative thereto.

CONSENT MOTION: Mr. Shupert moves in the words of the article.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 49 ACCEPTANCE OF LAND GIFT – 35 MAIN STREET**
(Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a gift from Roland H., Jr. and Katherine M. Vaillancourt, for general municipal purposes, a parcel of vacant land located at 35 Main Street and shown as Lot A on a plan recorded in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 13753, Page 512, said lot contains 4.0802 Acres of land and is shown as Parcel 22-1 on Map I-2 of the Town Atlas, or take any other action relative thereto.

CONSENT MOTION: Mr. Ashton moves in the words of the article.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 50 ACCEPTANCE OF SIDEWALK EASEMENT - HIGH STREET**
(Majority Vote Required)

To See if the Town will vote to accept as a gift from Don P. and Gayle B. Johnson a permanent sidewalk easement five (5) feet wide along their frontage at 236 High Street, including certain limited and specific rights to use an additional "Temporary 5' Wide Sidewalk Construction Easement", all as described in a Grant of Easement dated October 27, 1999, or take any other action relative thereto.

CONSENT MOTION: Mr. Ashton moves in the words of the article

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 51 ACCEPTANCE OF SIDEWALK EASEMENT - POPE ROAD AT TRIANGLE FARM LANE**
(Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a gift from the owners of the five lots at Triangle Farm Lane a permanent sidewalk easement twenty-five (25) feet wide along their frontage on Pope Road near the Acton/Carlisle town line, as described in an "Agreement and Grant of Easement" recorded in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds on May 4, 1999, as Instrument No. 705, or take any other action relative thereto.

CONSENT MOTION: Mr. Ashton moves in the words of the article.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 52 SEWER EASEMENT - 394 MASS AVE
(2/3 Vote Required)

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase, take by eminent domain, or otherwise acquire for sewer purposes, an easement in all or a part of parcels of land located at 394 Mass. Avenue, now or formerly owned by Dolores May Foster & AD Realty Company, shown as Parcels 134 & 118-1, Map F-3 on the Town Atlas, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Hunter moves to authorize the Selectmen to purchase, take by eminent domain, or otherwise acquire for sewer purposes, the fee or permanent or temporary easements in the parcel of land identified and described in this article; and to authorize the Selectmen to expend funds approved under Article 18 of the 1997 Annual Town Meeting, Article 3 of the October 5, 1998 Special Town Meeting, and Article 3 of the November 15, 1999 Special Town Meeting for such purposes and to take all other actions necessary to acquire such easements

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 53 SEWER EASEMENT - 400 MASS AVENUE
(2/3 Vote Required)

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase, take by eminent domain, or otherwise acquire for sewer purposes, an easement in all or a part of parcels of land, as shown on a plan prepared by Stamski & McNary, located at 400 Mass. Avenue, now or formally owned by Gismond and Catherine Silvestrone, shown as Parcel 128, Map F-3 on the Town Atlas, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Hunter moves to Authorize the Selectmen to purchase, take by eminent domain, or otherwise acquire for sewer purposes, the fee or permanent or temporary easements in the parcels of land identified in the Town Atlas as map F-3, parcels 128 and 118-1; and to authorize the Selectmen to

expend funds approved under Article 18 of the 1997 Annual Town Meeting, Article 3 of the October 5, 1998 Special Town Meeting, and Article 3 of the November 15, 1999 Special Town Meeting for such purposes; and to take all other actions necessary to acquire such easements.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 54 SEWER EASEMENT- MAPLE STREET
(2/3 Vote Required)

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase, take by eminent domain, or otherwise acquire for sewer purposes, an easement in all or a part of parcels of land, located at 11 Maple Street, now or formerly owned by Lorraine M. Montouri, shown as Parcel 42-1, Map H2A on the Town Atlas, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Hunter moves to authorize the Selectmen to purchase, take by eminent domain, or otherwise acquire for sewer purposes, the fee or permanent or temporary easements in the parcel of land identified and described in this article; and to authorize the Selectmen to expend funds approved under Article 18 of the 1997 Annual Town Meeting, Article 3 of the October 5, 1998 Special Town Meeting, and Article 3 of the November 15, 1999 Special Town Meeting for such purposes; and to take all other actions necessary to acquire such easements

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 55 USE OF FUNDS TO REDUCE THE TAX RATE - FREE CASH
(Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will determine an amount of Free Cash which shall be used for the purpose of reducing the Tax Rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Kabakoff moves to take no action.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Kabakoff reminds residents of the Special Town Meeting to be held April 11, 2000 at 7:00PM.

Mr. Kabakoff moves to dissolve this Town Meeting at 9:30PM.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Tellers

William Cady
Ann Chang
Brewster Conant
Charles Husbands
Cornelia Huber
Edwin Richter

Deena Ferrara
Jeffrey Bergart
Edward Ellis
Charles Kadlec
Ann Kadlec
Marjorie Brown

**TOWN OF ACTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 11, 2000**

**AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE ACTON-BOXBOROUGH HIGH
SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

Registered Voter in attendance 307

The Moderator, Donald MacKenzie called the meeting
to order at 7:05PM.

Mr. MacKenzie introduced F. Dore Hunter, Chairman
of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Hunter introduced Pamela
Harting-Barrat, the newly elected member of the Board and the
other members of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. MacKenzie introduced the Town Manager, Town
Clerk, Town Council, and John Prendiville, Chairman of the
Finance Committee. Mr. Prendiville introduced the members
of the Finance Committee.

Mr. MacKenzie explained that the Special Town Meeting
was called because a citizen petition with the required two
hundred signatures of registered voters was submitted to the
Board of Selectmen.

The Moderator reads article one .

**ARTICLE 1 - 80,000 SQ. FT. ZONING
(2/3 Vote Required)**

Submitted by Citizen Petition

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning bylaw
in accordance with the Citizens Petition printed in Appendix A
attached hereto and identified as Citizens Petition #1.

Petition #1

We, the citizens of Acton, demand that the town leaders
bring the attached article for two acre zoning to the town
meeting for a vote (for/against). In the case that the town's vote
is against this article as written, a subsequent vote will be held
at the same town meeting. The second vote will be held for
an amended version of the attached. The second vote will be
for/against the modification of the R-2 provision of the Zoning
Bylaw Section 5 from 20,000 sq. ft. (half acre zoning) to 40,000
sq. ft. (one acre zoning).

Because this petition has not been reviewed by Town
Counsel, we demand that this vote not be stopped because of a
technicality in the language or presentation.

**ARTICLE 1 Minimum Lot Area in R-2 & R-4 Districts
(2/3 vote required)**

To see if the Town of Acton will vote to amend the zoning
bylaw as follows:

- A. Zoning bylaw, section 5 - TABLE OF STANDARD
DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS. Amend the column
entitled "MINIMUM LOT AREA in sq. ft." to read 80,000
in the R-2 and R-4 districts:

ZONING DISTRICTS	MINIMUM LOT AREA in sq. ft.
R-2	80,000 <i>[20,000]</i>
R-4	80,000 <i>[40,000]</i>

*[Note: For informational purposes, the present minimum
lot area requirements are shown in italic print with brackets.]*

- B. Zoning bylaw, section 5.3.4, Hammerhead Lots. Delete
sections 5. 3. 4. 2 and 5. 3. 4. 3 and replace them with:

5. 3. 4. 2 The minimum LOT area shall be 200,000
square feet in the R-2, R-4, R-8/4, R-8, R-10
and R-10/8 Districts; and

5. 3. 4. 3 The LOT shall contain a dwelling location
square with a minimum side of 200 feet in
the R-2, R-4, R-8/4, R-8, R10 and R-10/8
Districts. The dwelling shall be located within
the dwelling location square; and

[Note - Sections currently read:

5. 3. 4. 2 *The minimum LOT area shall be 80,000 square feet
in the R-2 District, 120,000 square feet in the R-4
District, and 200,000 square feet in the R-8/4, R-8,
R-10/8 and R-10 Districts; and*

5. 3. 4. 3 *The LOT shall contain a dwelling location square
with a minimum side of 150 feet in the R-2 District,
175 feet in the R-4 District, and 200 feet in the
R-8/4, R-8, R-10/8 and R-10 Districts. The dwelling
shall be located within the dwelling location square;
and]*

Or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Ms. Friedrichs moves that the Town amend
the Zoning By-law as set forth in sections A & B of the draft
zoning article attached to the petition.

MOTION LOST

MOTION TO AMEND: Ms. Friedrichs moves to amend the motion under article 1 by adding a new Section 8.9 to the Zoning Bylaw.

Section 8.9: A single or a two-family residence located on a lot which complied with the minimum lot area requirements applicable on March 3, 2000 may be altered , added to, or expanded in floor area despite the increase in lot area requirements adopted on April 11, 2000, provided such alteration, addition, or expansion complies with any applicable yard set back requirements in effect on such date, but no such lot shall be further divided unless all lots resulting from such division comply with the minimum lot area requirements adopted April 11, 2000.

MOTION TO AMEND IS LOST

VOTE 118 YES 78 NO 40

MOTION: Mr. Cady moves to lay Article #1 on the table.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE CARRIES

VOTE 278 YES 198 NO 80

MOTION: Mr. Cady moves to take no action on Article # 2.

MOTION IS LOST (VOICE VOTE)

**ARTICLE 2 WETLANDS AND FLOOD PLAIN
EXCLUSION
(2/3 Vote Required)**

Submitted by Citizen Petition

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning bylaw in accordance with the Citizens Petition printed in Appendix A attached hereto and identified as Citizens Petition #2.

Petition # 2

We, the citizens of Acton, demand that the town leaders bring the attached article which “provides that no areas within wetlands and flood plains can be counted towards the minimum lot area, minimum frontage, and minimum lot width,” to the Town Meeting for a vote (for/against). This article is the same article originally brought forth in the draft. “Proposed Zoning Articles” (dated January 30, 1999), presented at the public hearing on January 24, 2000.

Because this petition has not been reviewed by town counsel, we demand that this vote not be stopped because of a technicality in the language or presentation.

Appendix A

ZONING

**ARTICLE 14 CHANGES TO LOT AREA, FRONTAGE,
AND LOT WIDTH IN RESIDENTIAL
DISTRICTS
(2/3 vote required)**

To see if the Town of Acton will vote to amend Section 5 of the zoning bylaw as follows:

A. Delete Section 5.2.1 and replace it with a new Section 5.2.1 as follows:

5. 2. 1 LOT area - LOT area shall be determined by calculating the area within a LOT including any area within the LOT over which easements have been granted, provided that no area within a STREET shall be included in determining minimum LOT area, and provided further that in the R-2, R-4, R-8, R-8/4, R-10, and R-10/8 districts no area within a Flood Plain District, or wetland as determined under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act shall be included in determining minimum LOT area. *[Note - this section presently reads: 5.2.1 LOT area - LOT area shall be determined by calculating the area within a LOT including any area within the LOT over which easements have been granted, provided that no area within a STREET shall be included in determining minimum LOT area.]*

B. Delete section 5.2.2 and replace it with a new section 5.2.2 as follows:

5. 2. 2 FRONTAGE - FRONTAGE shall be measured in a continuous line along the sideline of a STREET between the points of intersection of the side LOT lines with the STREET, provided that in the R-2, R-4, R-8, R-8/4, R-10, and R-10/8 districts no portion of a STREET sideline that is located within a Flood Plain District, or wetland as determined under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act shall be included in determining minimum FRONTAGE. *[Note - this section presently reads: 5.2.2 FRONTAGE - FRONTAGE shall be measured in a continuous line along the sideline of a STREET between the points of intersection of the side LOT lines with the STREET.]*

C. Delete section 5.2.3 and replace it with a new section 5.2.3 as follows:

5. 2. 3 LOT Width - LOT width shall be determined by measuring the diameter of the largest circle which can be located along a continuous, but not necessarily straight line from the LOT FRONTAGE to the principal STRUCTURE on the LOT without the circumference intersecting the side LOT lines, provided that in the R-2, R-4, R-8, R-8/4, R-10, and R-10/8 districts the minimum LOT width shall not include any portions on the LOT that are located within the Flood Plain District or within wetlands as determined under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. *[Note - this section presently reads: 5.2.3 LOT Width - LOT width shall be determined by measuring the diameter of the largest circle which can be located along a continuous, but not necessarily straight line from the LOT FRONTAGE to the principal STRUCTURE on the LOT without the circumference intersecting the side LOT lines.]*

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ZONING ARTICLE 14 - Lot Area Frontage, and Lot Width, 12/30/99 Draft

MOTION: Ms. Friedrichs moves that the Town amend the Zoning By-law as set forth in sections A, B, and C of the draft zoning article attached to the Petition.

MOTION: Mr. Cady moves to take no action.

**MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION LOST
(VOICE VOTE)**

The voice vote to take no action is challenged. The Moderator calls for a teller count.

MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION CARRIES

VOTE 267 YES 139 NO 128

MOTION: Mrs. Shaher moves to reconsider Article 2.
(2/3 vote required)

MOTION TO RECONSIDER IS LOST

VOTE 286 YES 161 NO 125

MOTION: Mrs. Donald moves to reconsider Article 1.
(2/3 vote required)

**MOTION TO RECONSIDER IS LOST
(VOICE VOTE)**

**ARTICLE 3 - SEPTIC SYSTEM LIMITATIONS
(2/3 Vote Required)**

Submitted by Citizen Petition

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning bylaw in accordance with the Citizens Petition printed in Appendix A attached hereto and identified as Citizens Petition #3.

Petition 3

We, the citizens of Acton, demand that the town leaders bring the following to the town meeting for a vote (for/against):

A vote to enact the draft provisions of Article 12 "Housing Density by Capacity for Individual Septic Systems" of the "Proposed Zoning Articles" (dated December 30,1999), presented at the public Hearing on January 24, 2000, that prohibits builders from "taking advantage of the one or few suitable sites for leaching fields that serve more than one dwelling unit," with one modification to that article. The modification will be that there will be no exemptions for PCRC, or any other type of development.

Because this petition has not been reviewed by town counsel, we demand that this vote not be stopped because of a technicality in the language or presentation.

PLEASE NOTE

The petitioner has notified the Board of Selectmen that Article 3 was submitted to the Town Clerk with an incorrect attachment. The Selectmen are required to print a Citizens' Petition Article exactly as submitted, and have done so. However, in order to aid voters in understanding the petitioner's request, we have included "the draft provisions of Article 12, Housing Density by Capacity for individual Septic Systems (as referenced in the petition) as Appendix B at the back of this Warrant.

Appendix B

**ZONING
ARTICLE 12 HOUSING DENSITY BY CAPACITY
FOR INDIVIDUAL SEPTIC SYSTEMS
(2/3 vote required)**

To see if the Town of Acton will vote to amend the zoning bylaw by adding a new section 5.3.13 as follows:

5. 3. 13 Septic System Capacity Determination - This section 5.3.13 shall only apply in the R-2, R-4, R-8/4, R-8, R-10, and R-10/8 Districts. Notwithstanding the minimum LOT area requirements set forth in the Table of Standard Dimensional Regulations, no land shall be divided into LOTS, unless the Board

of Health or its authorized agent has certified in writing that every LOT shown on the plan has the capacity to support an individual septic system to serve a DWELLING UNIT or other principal STRUCTURE on the same LOT.

5.3.13.1 Requirements for Individual Septic Systems:

- a) The individual septic system location and the location of the DWELLING UNIT or other principal STRUCTURE that it serves shall be on the same LOT.
- b) The minimum width of the LOT over the linear distance between the DWELLING UNIT location or other principal STRUCTURE and the individual septic system location shall not be less than 100 feet. This minimum width shall be determined by measuring the diameter of the largest circle which can be located along a continuous, but not necessarily straight line from the location of the DWELLING UNIT or other principal STRUCTURE to the septic system location without the circumference intersecting the side LOT lines or any portions on the LOT that are located within the Flood Plain District or within wetlands as determined under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.
- c) Unless exempt hereunder, every plan that is subject to this section 5.3.13 shall bear a note stating that no LOT shall be further divided to create additional BUILDING LOTS.

5.3.13.2 Exemptions:

- a) This section 5.3.13 shall not apply to lots shown on plans approved under section 4.2 - Open Space Development (OSD) or section 9 - Planned Conservation Residential Community (PCRC).
- b) This section 5.3.13 shall not apply to a plan where every LOT shown on the plan will be serviced by a public sewer collection system or a private wastewater treatment facility or system that achieves a nitrates concentration of 10ppm or less in the treated effluent.

5.3.13.3 Implementation:

- a) Every LOT exempt under 5.3.13.2.b) shall be subject to a recorded restriction that shall require compliance at all times with the advanced treatment standard of 10ppm or less nitrates in the wastewater effluent,

or connection to a public sewer system. Such restriction shall be recorded for every lot shown on the plan before the issuance of a building permit for any LOT on the plan.

- b) Nothing herein shall be interpreted to require the actual use of individual septic systems. Common septic systems without advanced treatment may be used to service the LOTS shown on a plan, provided that the number of LOTS on the plan is not greater than the number of LOTS that can be served by individual septic systems.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ZONING ARTICLE 12 - Housing Density by Capacity for ind. Septic Systems, 12/30/99 Draft

MOTION: Ms. Friedrichs moves that the Town amend the Zoning By-Law as set forth in Sections A,B, and C of the draft zoning article in Appendix B of the warrant, except that Sections 5.3.13.2 and 5.3.13.3a shall be deleted.

MOTION: Mr. Wood moves to take no action.

MOTION IS LOST

ORIGINAL MOTION IS LOST

ARTICLE 4 - HARD LIMIT ON NEW BUILDING PERMITS
(2/3 Vote Required)

Submitted by Citizens' Petition

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning bylaw in accordance with the Citizens Petition printed in Appendix A attached hereto and identified as Citizens Petition #4.

Petition 4

We, the citizens of Acton, demand that the town leaders bring the following to the town meeting for a vote (for/against):

A vote to enact a hard limit for the number of new building permits issued each year (a "not to exceed" limit), which does not include state mandated exemptions such as affordable housing and senior housing. The number that shall be voted on first is a hard limit of 40, which is about one half of the ten year average for new homes built in Acton.

If this vote does not pass at this next special Town Meeting, we demand that the town leaders hold additional votes at the same meeting for a hard limit of 50, 60, and so forth, until a hard limit number is found acceptable to the town.

Because this petition has not been reviewed by town counsel, we demand that this vote not be stopped because of a technicality in the language or presentation.

Appendix A

ZONING

ARTICLE 14 CHANGES TO LOT AREA, FRONTAGE, AND LOT WIDTH IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

(2/3 vote required)

To see if the Town of Acton will vote to amend section 5 of the zoning bylaw as follows:

D. Delete section 5.2.1 and replace it with a new section 5.2.1 as follows:

5. 2. 4 LOT area - LOT area shall be determined by calculating the area within a LOT including any area within the LOT over which easements have been granted, provided that no area within a STREET shall be included in determining minimum LOT area, and provided further that in the R-2, R-4, R-8, R-8/4, R-10, and R-10/8 districts no area within a Flood Plain District, or wetland as determined under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act shall be included in determining minimum LOT area. *[Note - this section presently reads: 5.2.1 LOT area - LOT area shall be determined by calculating the area within a LOT including any area within the LOT over which easements have been granted, provided that no area within a STREET shall be included in determining minimum LOT area.]*

E. Delete section 5.2.2 and replace it with a new section 5.2.2 as follows:

5. 2. 5 FRONTAGE - FRONTAGE shall be measured in a continuous line along the sideline of a STREET between the points of intersection of the side LOT lines with the STREET, provided that in the R-2, R-4, R-8, R-8/4, R-10, and R-10/8 districts no portion of a STREET sideline that is located within a Flood Plain District, or wetland as determined under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act shall be included in determining minimum FRONTAGE. *[Note - this section presently reads: 5.2.2 FRONTAGE - FRONTAGE shall be measured in a continuous line along the sideline of a STREET between the points of intersection of the side LOT lines with the STREET.]*

C. Delete section 5.2.3 and replace it with a new section 5.2.3 as follows:

5.2.6 LOT Width - LOT width shall be determined by measuring the diameter of the largest circle which can be located along a continuous, but not necessarily straight line from the LOT FRONTAGE to the principal STRUCTURE on the LOT without the circumference intersecting the side LOT lines, provided that in the R-2, R-4, R-8, R-8/4, R-10, and R-10/8 districts the minimum LOT width shall not include any portions on the LOT that are located within the Flood Plain District or within wetlands as determined under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. *[Note - this section presently reads: 5.2.3 LOT Width - LOT width shall be determined by measuring the diameter of the largest circle which can be located along a continuous, but not necessarily straight line from the LOT FRONTAGE to the principal STRUCTURE on the LOT without the circumference intersecting the side LOT lines.]*

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ZONING ARTICLE 14 - Lot Area Frontage, and Lot Width, 12/30/99 Draft

MOTION: Ms. Friedrichs moves to take no action.

MOTION CARRIES

RESOLUTION: Ms. Friedrichs moves to adopt the following resolution.

That the Town vote to instruct the Planning Board to revise Articles presented here and propose their preferred version of these zoning tools as Warrant Articles at a subsequent Town Meeting.

RESOLUTION CARRIES

Mr. Hunter moves to dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 10:37PM

MOTION CARRIES

Tellers

William Cady
Charles Kadec
Peter Robinson
Isabella Choate

Edward Ellis
Connie Huber
Marjorie Brown
Ann Chang

TOWN OF ACTON

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

HELD OCTOBER 30, 2000

The Moderator, Donald MacKenzie, called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. Mr. MacKenzie introduced F. Dore Hunter, chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Hunter introduced the members of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager, Town Counsel, Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Manager and the Finance Director. Mr. MacKenzie then introduced Sidney Johnston, Chairman of the Finance Committee. Mr. Johnston introduced the members of the Finance Committee. Mr. MacKenzie introduced Maryanne Ashton, chairman of the School Committee. Mrs. Ashton introduced the members of the School Committee.

After presentations by several Boards, Mr. MacKenzie read Article 1.

ARTICLE 1 ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION (2/3 Vote Required)

To see if the Town will approve the amount of \$52,460,000 debt authorized by the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District Committee, for constructing an addition or additions to the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School and for remodeling or making extraordinary repairs to the existing structure, including costs incidental and related thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mrs. Ashton moves that the Town approve the amount of the \$52,460,000 debt authorized by the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District Committee, as allocated between Acton and Boxborough as set forth in the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District agreement approved on October 5, 1998, for constructing an addition or additions to the High School and for remodeling, reconstruction or making extraordinary repairs to the existing structure, including costs incidental and related thereto; that the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District Committee is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out these projects, provided, however, that no debt may be incurred under this vote, except for up to \$3,200,000 as to the High School addition and renovation project for planning and other preliminary expenses, until the State Department of Education has included the Region's application for a state school construction grant as to the project on its list of completed project applications, showing the priority assigned and provided that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c.59, §21C (Proposition 2 1/2) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote for such project, and provided further that the Town of Boxborough approves a like article.

MOTION CARRIES

TOTAL VOTE 766 YES 707 NO 59

Mr. Hunter moves to dissolve this Special Town Meeting at 9:35 PM.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.

Tellers at this Special Town Meeting were:

Brewster Conant	Jack Whittier
Ann Chang	Tom Geagan
Connie Huber	Charles Husbands
Ed Richter	Charles Kadlec
Jeff Bergart	Bob Ferrara
Deena Ferrara	Midge Brown

TOWN ELECTIONS AND STATISTICS

TOWN OF ACTON ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION MARCH 28, 2000

VOTE COUNT		PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT4	PCT5	TOTAL	%
MACHINE	9:00 AM	8	9	18	13	11	59	1%
	12:00 PM	25	41	68	51	37	222	2%
	4:00 PM	36	71	93	71	61	332	3%
	6:00 PM	54	97	144	81	74	450	4%
MACHINE TOTAL	FINAL	58	111	164	110	92	535	5%
REJECTED					1		1	
TOTAL VOTED		58	111	164	111	92	536	5%
TOTAL NUMBER REGISTERED VOTERS		2126	2508	2,330	2288	2412	11664	
MODERATOR								
BLANKS		1	8	12	12	6	39	7%
DONALD MACKENZIE		56	103	151	99	86	495	92%
SCATTERED		1		1			2	0%
TOTAL		58	111	164	111	92	536	100%
SELECTMAN								
BLANKS		5	25	38	26	21	115	21%
PAMELA HARTING-BARRAT		48	85	121	79	65	398	74%
SCATTERED		5	1	5	6	6	23	4%
TOTAL		58	111	164	111	92	536	100%
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (2)								
BLANKS		19	53	68	66	44	250	23%
MARIE E. ALTIERI		44	84	131	77	67	403	38%
JO-ANN M. BERRY		48	84	128	77	69	406	38%
SCATTERED		5	1	1	1	4	12	1%
TOTAL		116	222	328	221	184	1071	100%
TRUSTEE, MEMORIAL LIBRARY								
BLANKS		8	17	41	22	20	108	20%
DAVID T. BARRAT		50	93	122	88	72	425	79%
SCATTERED			1	1	1		3	1%
TOTAL		58	111	164	111	92	536	100%
ACTON HOUSING AUTHORITY								
BLANKS		51	106	140	77	82	456	85%
DENNIS SULLIVAN		5	4	12	30	6	57	11%
SCATTERED		2	1	12	4	4	23	4%
TOTAL		58	111	164	111	92	536	100%

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT4	PCT5	TOTAL	%
WATER SUPPLY DIST.							
MODERATOR							
BLANKS	5	9	17	14	10	55	10%
RICHARD O'BRIEN	53	102	147	97	82	481	90%
SCATTERED						0	0%
TOTAL	58	111	164	111	92	536	100%

WATER SUPPLY DIST.							
COMMISSIONER							
BLANKS	3	14	21	18	10	66	12%
LEONARD A. PHILLIPS	55	97	143	93	82	470	88%
SCATTERED						0	0%
TOTAL	58	111	164	111	92	536	100%

CLERK							
BLANKS	3	14	20	20	17	74	14%
JANE A. CUTLER	55	97	144	91	75	462	86%
SCATTERED						0	0%
TOTAL	58	111	164	111	92	536	100%

TOWN OF ACTON SPECIAL ELECTION

MAY 16, 2000

VOTE COUNT	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT4	PCT5	TOTAL	%	
9:00 AM	75	108	118	73	97	471	4.16%	
11:00AM	167	214	271	184	217	1053	9.29%	
1:00 PM	205	271	337	241	282	1336	11.79%	
4:00 PM	300	416	473	377	449	2015	17.78%	
6:00 PM	439	632	691	547	628	2937	25.92%	
Machine count	8:00 PM	585	851	900	743	804	3883	34.27%
Hand count			1			1		
TOTAL	585	851	901	743	804	3884	34.28%	

TOTAL NUMBER							
REGISTERED VOTERS –	2042	2430	2,298	2222	2338	11330	

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Acton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issue to acquire all or part of the 234+/- acres of land on Carlisle Road shown as Parcel 104 on Assessors Map C-5; Parcel 11, 12, 13 and 14 on Assessors' Map C-6; Parcel 12 on Assessors Map D-5 and Parcels 1,2 and 2-1 on Assessors' Map D-6, and that an area not greater than 60 acres be held for recreational purposes, including supporting infrastructure, with the remainder to be held for conservation purposes, to be managed and controlled by the Town of Acton Conservation Commission pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. 40,8C?

BLANKS	1	4	5	4	43	57	1.47%
YES	368	382	377	302	282	1711	44.05%
NO	216	465	519	437	479	2116	54.48%
TOTAL	585	851	901	743	804	3884	100.00%

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT4	PCT5	TOTAL	%
QUESTION 2							
Shall the Town of Acton accept Section 2D of Chapter 59 of the General Laws, which provides for taxing certain improved real property based on its value at the time an occupancy permit is issued?							
BLANKS	58	87	115	81	60	401	10.32%
YES	405	563	611	454	541	2574	66.27%
NO	122	201	175	208	203	909	23.40%
TOTAL	585	851	901	743	804	3884	100.00%

TOWN OF ACTON SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 20, 2000

VOTE COUNT		PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT4	PCT5	TOTAL	%
	9:00 AM	139	182	250	190	229	990	8.19%
	11:00AM	252	281	434	367	432	1766	14.61%
	1:00 PM	350	488	608	529	576	2551	21.11%
	4:00 PM	455	656	766	650	734	3261	26.98%
	6:00 PM	553	851	988	826	902	4120	34.09%
Machine count	8:00 PM	724	1136	1284	1082	1145	5371	44.44%
Hand count		0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL		724	1136	1284	1082	1145	5371	44.44%
TOTAL NUMBER REGISTERED VOTERS								
		2271	2553	2,433	2357	2473	12087	

QUESTION

Shall the Town of Acton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District bond issued in order to construct an addition or additions to the high school and for remodeling, reconstruction or making extraordinary repairs to the existing structure, including costs incidental and related thereto as set forth in the October 30, 2000 Special Town Meeting Warrant?

BLANKS	0	0	0	8	1	9	0.17%
YES	474	739	817	653	684	3367	62.69%
NO	250	397	467	421	460	1995	37.14%
TOTAL	724	1136	1284	1082	1145	5371	100.00%

TOWN OF ACTON STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

SEPTEMBER 19, 2000

		PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	TOTAL	%
VOTE COUNT	9:00am	13	16	22	20	24	95	0.8%
	11:00am	19	34	55	37	48	138	1.2%
	2:00pm	33	57	84	50	65	289	2.4%
	4:00pm	52	92	102	83	76	405	3.4%
	6:00pm	70	117	135	117	141	580	4.9%
Sub Total (poll final)	8:00pm	96	157	190	140	177	760	6.4%

Hand Count		2	0	0	0	1	3	
TOTAL		98	157	190	140	178	763	6.5%

Total Number of Registered voters	2186	2516	2370	2313	2419	11804
Percent voted by precinct	4.5%	6.2%	8.0%	6.1%	7.4%	6.5%

Registered Democratic	2654
Registered Republican	1707
Registered Unenrolled	7417
Other	26
Winner	*

DEMOCRATIC BALLOT		PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	TOTAL	%
SENATOR IN CONGRESS (1)								
BLANKS		7	21	24	7	19	78	13.4%
EDWARD M. KENNEDY	*	62	99	126	92	118	497	85.5%
SCATTERED		1	3		2	0	6	1.0%
TOTAL		70	123	150	101	137	581	100.0%

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (1)								
BLANKS		2	2	3	2	5	14	2.4%
MARTIN T. MEEHAN	*	57	94	121	81	105	458	78.8%
JOSEPH F. OSBALDESTON		7	17	15	5	8	52	9.0%
THOMAS P. TIERNEY		4	7	11	13	19	54	9.3%
SCATTERED		0	3	0	0	0	3	0.5%
TOTAL		70	123	150	101	137	581	100.0%

COUNCILLOR (1)								
BLANKS		17	34	32	28	41	152	26%
MARILYN M. PETITTO DEVAN	*	29	50	53	46	63	241	41%
RUTH E. NEMZOFF		24	39	65	27	32	187	32%
SCATTERED		0	0	0	0	1	1	0%
TOTAL		70	123	150	101	137	581	100.0%

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (1)								
BLANKS		10	18	19	8	20	75	12.9%
PAMELA P. RESOR	*	60	103	128	91	117	499	85.9%
SCATTERED		0	2	3	2	0	7	1.2%
TOTAL		70	123	150	101	137	581	100.0%

DEMOCRATIC BALLOT	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	TOTAL	%
REPRESENTATIVE IN GEN. COURT (1)							
BLANKS	11	28	25	19	31	114	19.6%
CORY ATKINS *	59	95	121	79	105	459	79.0%
SCATTERED			4	3	1	8	1.4%
TOTAL	70	123	150	101	137	581	100.0%
CLERK OF COURTS (1)							
BLANKS	16	38	40	26	40	160	27.5%
EDWARD J. SULLIVAN *	37	61	75	50	76	299	51.5%
DENNIS MICHAEL SULLIVAN	17	24	35	25	21	122	21.0%
WRITE-IN						0	0.0%
TOTAL	70	123	150	101	137	581	100.0%
REGISTER OF DEEDS (1)							
BLANKS	26	41	50	39	53	209	36.0%
EUGENE C. BRUNE *	44	82	98	60	84	368	63.3%
SCATTERED	0	0	2	2	0	4	0.7%
TOTAL	70	123	150	101	137	581	100.0%
REGISTER OF PROBATE (1)							
BLANKS	7	30	46	30	50	163	28.1%
DEAN J. BRUNO	0	5	0	3	2	10	1.7%
JOHN R. BUONOMO	4	8	12	4	8	36	6.2%
THOMAS B. CONCANNON	8	9	17	15	22	71	12.2%
TARA DeCRISTOFARO	3	6	13	5	5	32	5.5%
FRANCIS X. FLAHERTY	2	6	12	8	15	43	7.4%
MELISSA J. HURLEY	6	5	24	15	13	63	10.8%
ROBERT WESLEY KEOUGH	2	3	6	5	6	22	3.8%
L. PAUL LUCERO	1	1	2	2	10	16	2.8%
ED McMAHON *	37	50	18	14	6	125	21.5%
WRITE-IN						0	0.0%
TOTAL	70	123	150	101	137	581	100.0%

REPUBLICAN BALLOT	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	TOTAL	%
SENATOR IN CONGRESS (1)							
BLANKS	2	9	9	6	9	35	19.4%
JACK E. ROBINSON, III *	25	25	29	31	31	141	78.3%
SCATTERED	0	0	2	2		4	2.2%
TOTAL	27	34	40	39	40	180	100.0%
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (1)							
BLANKS *	21	22	28	23	28	122	67.8%
MARK LA PLANTE	5	12	11	16	12	56	31.1%
SCATTERED	1		1			2	1.1%
TOTAL	27	34	40	39	40	180	100.0%
COUNCILLOR (1)							
BLANKS	27	31	38	35	38	169	93.9%
SCATTERED		3	2	4	2	11	6.1%
TOTAL	27	34	40	39	40	180	100.0%
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (1)							
BLANKS	27	31	38	35	38	169	93.9%
SCATTERED		3	2	4	2	11	6.1%
TOTAL	27	34	40	39	40	180	100.0%
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (1)							
BLANKS	27	30	39	35	38	169	93.9%
SCATTERED		4	1	4	2	11	6.1%
TOTAL	27	34	40	39	40	180	100.0%
CLERK OF COURTS (1)							
BLANKS	27	31	37	35	38	168	93.3%
SCATTERED		3	3	4	2	12	6.7%
TOTAL	27	34	40	39	40	180	100.0%
REGISTER OF DEEDS (1)							
BLANKS	27	31	38	35	38	169	93.9%
SCATTERED		3	2	4	2	11	6.1%
TOTAL	27	34	40	39	40	180	100.0%
REGISTER OF PROBATE (1)							
BLANKS	6	7	5	10	7	35	19.4%
LEE JOHNSON *	21	27	35	29	33	145	80.6%
WRITE-IN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL	27	34	40	39	40	180	100.0%

LIBERTARIAN PARTY	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	TOTAL	%
SENATOR IN CONGRESS (1)							
BLANKS						0	0.0%
CARLA A. HOWELL	1				1	2	100.0%
WRITE-IN						0	0.0%
TOTAL	1				1	2	100.0%
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (1)							
BLANKS	1				1	2	100.0%
WRITE-IN						0	0.0%
TOTAL	1				1	2	100.0%
COUNCILLOR (1)							
BLANKS	1				1	2	100.0%
WRITE-IN						0	0.0%
TOTAL	1				1	2	100.0%
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (1)							
BLANKS						0	0.0%
KAMAL JAIN	1				1	2	100.0%
WRITE-IN						0	0.0%
TOTAL	1				1	2	100.0%
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (1)							
BLANKS	1				1	2	100.0%
WRITE-IN						0	0.0%
TOTAL	1				1	2	100.0%
CLERK OF COURTS (1)							
BLANKS	1				1	2	0.0%
WRITE-IN						0	0.0%
TOTAL	1				1	2	0.0%
REGISTER OF DEEDS (1)							
BLANKS	1				1	2	100.0%
WRITE-IN						0	0.0%
TOTAL	1				1	2	100.0%
REGISTER OF PROBATE (1)							
BLANKS	1				1	2	100.0%
WRITE-IN						0	0.0%
TOTAL	1				1	2	100.0%
END							
BALLOTS COUNTED	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	TOTAL	
DEM	70	123	150	101	137	581	
REP	27	34	40	39	40	180	
LIB	1				1	2	
TOTAL COUNT	98	157	190	140	178	763	

TOWN OF ACTON STATE ELECTION

NOVEMBER 7, 2000

		PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	TOTAL	%
VOTE COUNT	9:00am	325	371	452	311	319	1778	14.8%
	11:00am	675	791	829	781	815	3891	32.3%
	1:00pm	901	1044	1150	1121	1018	5234	43.4%
	4:00pm	1242	1517	1474	1471	1533	7237	60.0%
	6:00pm	1554	1843	1804	1726	1830	8757	72.7%
Sub Total (poll final)	8:00pm	1917	2196	2128	2059	2135	10435	86.6%

Hand Count	12	10	1	6	4	33	
TOTAL	1929	2206	2129	2065	2139	10468	86.9%

Total Number of Registered voters	2264	2545	2423	2353	2467	12052	
Percent voted by precinct	85.2%	86.7%	87.9%	87.8%	86.7%	86.9%	

PRESIDENT and VICE PRESIDENT

BLANKS	14	22	11	14	25	86	0.8%
BROWN / OLIVIER	19	8	12	12	21	72	0.7%
BUCHANAN / HIGGINS, SR.	3	2	5	5	3	18	0.2%
BUSH / CHENEY	688	776	702	665	626	3457	33.0%
GORE / LIBERMAN *	1053	1245	1211	1171	1313	5993	57.3%
HAGELIN / TOMPKINS	1	1	0	4	0	6	0.1%
NADER / LaDUKE	147	147	180	191	149	814	7.8%
SCATTERED	4	5	8	3	2	22	0.2%
TOTAL	1929	2206	2129	2065	2139	10468	100.0%

SENATOR IN CONGRESS (1)

BLANKS	91	104	77	107	86	465	4.4%
EDWARD M. KENNEDY *	1246	1491	1424	1394	1479	7034	67.2%
CARLA A. HOWELL	292	306	317	288	300	1503	14.4%
JACK E. ROBINSON, III	268	272	271	226	240	1277	12.2%
DALE E. FRIEDGE	6	8	13	9	5	41	0.4%
PHILIP HYDE, III	3	4	6	6	4	23	0.2%
PHILIP F. LAWLER	22	19	20	31	21	113	1.1%
						0	0.0%
SCATTERED	1	2	1	4	4	12	0.1%
TOTAL	1929	2206	2129	2065	2139	10468	100.0%

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (1)

BLANKS	424	460	446	458	452	2240	21.4%
MARTIN T. MEEHAN *	1451	1711	1631	1563	1641	7997	76.4%
DEAN CAVARETTA		2				2	0.0%
SCATTERED	54	33	52	44	46	229	2.2%
TOTAL	1929	2206	2129	2065	2139	10468	100.0%

COUNCILLOR (1)

BLANKS	538	635	577	639	627	3016	29%
MARILYN M. PETITTO DEVAN *	1133	1261	1218	1135	1223	5970	57%
BARRY T. HUTCH	251	304	318	284	282	1439	14%
SCATTERED	7	6	16	7	7	43	0%
TOTAL	1929	2206	2129	2065	2139	10468	100.0%

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	TOTAL	%
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (1)							
BLANKS	215	190	164	205	199	973	9.3%
PAMELA P. RESOR *	1460	1706	1629	1588	1655	8038	76.8%
KAMAL JAIN	251	303	328	270	279	1431	13.7%
DEAN CAVARETTA		2	3	1	1	7	0.1%
SCATTERED	3	5	5	1	5	19	0.2%
TOTAL	1929	2206	2129	2065	2139	10468	100.0%
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (1)							
BLANKS	485	517	500	499	504	2505	23.9%
CORY ATKINS *	1421	1662	1586	1538	1605	7812	74.6%
DEAN CAVARETTA		2	7	5	4	18	0.2%
SCATTERED	23	25	36	23	26	133	1.3%
TOTAL	1929	2206	2129	2065	2139	10468	100.0%
CLERK OF COURTS (1)							
BLANKS	648	712	680	687	695	3422	32.7%
EDWARD J. SULLIVAN *	1261	1477	1424	1359	1424	6945	66.3%
SCATTERED	20	17	25	19	20	101	1.0%
TOTAL	1929	2206	2129	2065	2139	10468	100.0%
REGISTER OF DEEDS (1)							
BLANKS	671	762	725	724	739	3621	34.6%
EUGENE C. BRUNE *	1240	1431	1377	1324	1380	6752	64.5%
SCATTERED	18	13	27	17	20	95	0.9%
TOTAL	1929	2206	2129	2065	2139	10468	100.0%
REGISTER OF PROBATE (1)							
BLANKS	381	400	421	455	455	2112	20.2%
JOHN R. BUONOMO	463	529	563	529	577	2661	25.4%
LEE JOHNSON	439	439	406	368	365	2017	19.3%
DIANE POULOS HARPELL *	640	837	735	711	739	3662	35.0%
SCATTERED	6	1	4	2	3	16	0.2%
TOTAL	1929	2206	2129	2065	2139	10468	100.0%
QUESTION 1							
BLANKS	107	93	87	125	100	512	4.9%
YES *	1487	1732	1671	1575	1692	8157	77.9%
NO	335	381	371	365	347	1799	17.2%
TOTAL	1929	2206	2129	2065	2139	10468	100.0%
QUESTION 2							
BLANKS	66	60	49	69	62	306	2.9%
YES *	1150	1334	1288	1198	1271	6241	59.6%
NO	713	812	792	798	806	3921	37.5%
TOTAL	1929	2206	2129	2065	2139	10468	100.0%
QUESTION 3							
BLANKS	62	59	51	51	51	274	2.6%
YES *	1172	1245	1224	1252	1267	6160	58.8%
NO	695	902	854	762	821	4034	38.5%
TOTAL	1929	2206	2129	2065	2139	10468	100.0%

		PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	TOTAL	%
QUESTION 4								
BLANKS		48	53	33	49	49	232	2.2%
YES	*	1287	1440	1258	1215	1286	6486	62.0%
NO		594	713	838	801	804	3750	35.8%
TOTAL		1929	2206	2129	2065	2139	10468	100.0%
QUESTION 5								
BLANKS		81	85	58	87	91	402	3.8%
YES		801	940	902	893	860	4396	42.0%
NO	*	1047	1181	1169	1085	1188	5670	54.2%
TOTAL		1929	2206	2129	2065	2139	10468	100.0%
QUESTION 6								
BLANKS		61	75	52	67	67	322	3.1%
YES		796	837	772	718	749	3872	37.0%
NO	*	1072	1294	1305	1280	1323	6274	59.9%
TOTAL		1929	2206	2129	2065	2139	10468	100.0%
QUESTION 7								
BLANKS		65	64	51	77	70	327	3.1%
YES	*	1523	1757	1663	1531	1665	8139	77.8%
NO		341	385	415	457	404	2002	19.1%
TOTAL		1929	2206	2129	2065	2139	10468	100.0%
QUESTION 8								
BLANKS		75	93	67	85	94	414	4.0%
YES	*	1049	1051	1105	1098	1081	5384	51.4%
NO		805	1062	957	882	964	4670	44.6%
TOTAL		1929	2206	2129	2065	2139	10468	100.0%

TOWN OF ACTON PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

MARCH 7, 2000

		PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	TOTAL	%
VOTE COUNT	9:00am	126	164	188	157	158	793	6.9%
	11:00am	228	274	322	293	304	1099	9.5%
	2:00pm	350	457	496	460	490	2253	19.6%
	4:00pm	466	594	608	602	622	2892	25.1%
	6:00pm	646	857	894	796	883	4076	35.4%
Sub Total (poll final)	8:00pm	851	1124	1178	997	1077	5227	45.4%

Hand Count		2	3	1	4	1	11	
TOTAL		853	1127	1179	1001	1078	5238	45.5%

Total Number of Registered voters	2077	2475	2308	2282	2376	11518	
Percent voted by precinct	41.1%	45.5%	51.1%	43.9%	45.4%	45.5%	

DEMOCRATIC BALLOT PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

BLANKS	1	6	3	6	7	23	0.9%
AL GORE	206	216	256	231	262	1171	48.1%
LYNDON H. LAROCHE	1	1	0	3	0	5	0.2%
BILL BRADLEY	155	270	310	225	244	1204	49.4%
NO PREFERENCE	5	6	3	10	6	30	1.2%
RALPH NADER	0		2		0	2	0.1%
DAVID PROTESS					1	1	0.0%
TOTAL	368	499	574	475	520	2436	100.0%

STATE COMMITTEEMAN

BLANKS	90	102	190	159	143	684	28.1%
LEONARD H. GOLDER	22	25	56	37	40	180	7.4%
JAMES B. McGOWAN	256	372	328	278	337	1571	64.5%
DAVID TINKER				1		1	0.0%
TOTAL	368	499	574	475	520	2436	100.0%

STATE COMMITTEEWOMAN

BLANKS	128	173	220	188	175	884	36%
KATHLEEN M. DONAHUE	239	324	354	286	341	1544	63%
DIANE PEKIN	1				4	5	0%
DEBORAH MURRAY		1				1	0%
KATHLEEN NAGLE		1				1	0%
PAM FURNACE				1		1	0%
TOTAL	368	499	574	475	520	2436	100.0%

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	TOTAL	%
TOWN COMMITTEE							
BLANKS	8600	11250	13149	11052	11852	55903	65.3%
GROUP	164	235	252	197	236	1084	1.3%
DAVID KEELER	168	242	280	210	242	1142	1.3%
ROBERT FERRARA	181	271	301	233	272	1258	1.5%
JAMES ELDRIDGE	174	259	287	223	264	1207	1.4%
DAVID BARRAT	175	263	304	237	269	1248	1.5%
WHITNEY BARRAT	176	266	290	224	265	1221	1.4%
ELIZABETH BARBADORO	171	251	277	218	252	1169	1.4%
LINDA ONUSKA	183	254	271	214	254	1176	1.4%
R.H. EISENGREIN	167	248	273	209	249	1146	1.3%
SUSAN KENNEDY	80	256	282	220	254	1092	1.3%
PAMELA HARTING-BARRAT	209	307	367	284	332	1499	1.7%
SUSAN BRAY	182	265	297	225	273	1242	1.4%
PAMELA RESOR	265	357	424	332	386	1764	2.1%
KAREN LAUFER	172	249	276	209	249	1155	1.3%
EVELYN OLSCHESKI	180	278	293	235	269	1255	1.5%
GREGORY JARBOE	175	261	297	225	262	1220	1.4%
NANCY JARBOE	178	261	295	228	278	1240	1.4%
JAMES MURPHY	173	251	274	208	250	1156	1.3%
DEENA FERRARA	181	276	306	231	282	1276	1.5%
LUBA OLSHAN	168	250	271	205	245	1139	1.3%
CAROL NOVAK	179	252	306	216	252	1205	1.4%
JAMES MCGGOWAN	202	285	307	241	290	1325	1.5%
HARRIET MINTZ	179	261	287	220	261	1208	1.4%
MICKI WILLIAMS	189	286	320	238	301	1334	1.6%
SCATTERED	6	7	9	8	2	32	0.0%
TOTAL	12871	17634	20286	16534	18339	85664	100.0%

REPUBLICAN BALLOT PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	TOTAL	%
BLANKS	0	2		1	7	10	0.4%
ALAN KEYES	4	12	12	12	8	48	1.7%
GEORGE W. BUSH	136	176	166	124	131	733	26.2%
GARY BAUER	1	0	1	3	1	6	0.2%
JOHN McCAIN	341	436	420	383	408	1988	71.1%
STEVE FORBES	0	1	2	1	1	5	0.2%
ORIN HATCH	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.0%
NO PREFERENCE	1	0	3	1	1	6	0.2%
TOTAL	483	627	604	526	557	2797	100.0%

STATE COMMITTEEMAN

BLANKS	172	199	210	175	196	952	34.0%
WILLIAM C. SAWYER	308	422	393	346	358	1827	65.3%
WILLIAM GALVIN	0		1			1	0.0%
JAMES MCGOWAN	3	3				6	0.2%
DEAN CAVARETTA	1			1	2	4	0.1%
MIKE MCQUEEN				1		1	0.0%
D ANDREW BYLER				1		1	0.0%
JOSEPH DARGIN				1		1	0.0%
CORY ATKINS				1		1	0.0%
JIM CONNOLLY		1				1	0.0%
BOB MERNA		1				1	0.0%
JOHN OSBORNE		1				1	0.0%
ROBERT GEIS					1	1	0.0%
TOTAL	483	627	604	526	557	2797	100.0%

STATE COMMITTEEWOMAN

BLANKS	152	158	158	123	132	723	25.8%
NANCY J. HOUGH	47	59	34	58	52	250	8.9%
JEANNE S. KANGAS	284	409	412	343	371	1819	65.0%
NANCY OBRIEN					1	1	0.0%
DIANA CARROLL					1	1	0.0%
JEANNE DARGIN				1		1	0.0%
DAVE MUSTAINE		1				1	0.0%
CHRISTINE BYLER				1		1	0.0%
TOTAL	483	627	604	526	557	2797	100.0%

TOWN COMMITTEE

BLANKS	16623	21646	20904	18356	19339	96868	99.8%
KAREY BROWN	1		9	6	2	18	0.0%
CONNIE DEARBORN	1		9	1	2	13	0.0%
RITA DOLAN	3	3	5	6	2	19	0.0%
KATHERINE ARNOLD	2	1	7	5	2	17	0.0%
TATIANA LORING	1		4	1	2	8	0.0%
DEAN CAVARETTA	3	3	9	7	2	24	0.0%
JOHN DUTS	2	1	4	7	2	16	0.0%
DONALD HODGES	2		1	3	2	8	0.0%
RALPH BENS	3	1	1	1	2	8	0.0%
JANET MILLIKIN	2	1	1	1	2	7	0.0%
WILLIAM DUNN	1	1	1	1	2	6	0.0%
TOM DYER	2	1		1	2	6	0.0%
CAROL MAHONEY	2	1		1	3	7	0.0%
WILLIAM SAWYER	2	2		1		5	0.0%
SCATTERED	3	7	9	12	2	33	0.0%
TOTAL	16653	21668	20964	18410	19368	97063	100.0%

LIBERTARIAN BALLOT PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	TOTAL	%
BLANKS	1					1	20.0%
KIP LEE						0	0.0%
HARRY BROWNE					1	1	20.0%
EDISON P. MCDANIELS,SR						0	0.0%
LARRY HINES		1				1	20.0%
DAVID LYNN HOLLIST						0	0.0%
L. NEIL SMITH						0	0.0%
NO PREFERENCE	1					1	20.0%
BJORK			1			1	20.0%
TOTAL	2	1	1	0	1	5	100.0%

STATE COMMITTEEMAN							
BLANKS	2	1	1			4	80.0%
GEORGE PHILLIPS					1	1	20.0%
						0	0.0%
TOTAL	2	1	1	0	1	5	100.0%

STATE COMMITTEEWOMAN							
BLANKS	2	1				3	60.0%
ANJILA DAVIS			1			1	20.0%
CARLA HOWELL					1	1	20.0%
TOTAL	2	1	1	0	1	5	100.0%

TOWN COMMITTEE							
BLANKS	3	2	0	3	2	10	66.7%
JOAN KEANE			1			1	6.7%
KRISTINE WORRIN			1			1	6.7%
TODD WILLIAM			1			1	6.7%
MARK AMIDON					1	1	6.7%
DAVE MCGOWAN		1				1	6.7%
TOTAL	3	3	3	3	3	15	100.0%

CHECK COUNT	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	TOTAL
DEMOCRATIC	368	499	574	475	520	2436
REPUBLICAN	483	627	604	526	557	2797
LIBERTARIAN	2	1	1	0	1	5
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	853	1127	1179	1001	1078	5238

OTHER INFORMATION

REGISTERED VOTERS STATISTICS

Democrats	2749
Republicans	1752
Unenrolled (Independent)	7639
Others	0034
Total Registered	12,174
Unregistered	7680

TOTAL POPULATION 19,854

DOG STATISTICS

Dog Licenses	1592
Kennel Licenses	0028

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTH RECORDED	239
DEATH RECORDED	129
MARRIAGES RECORDED	103

DATE	NAME	AGE
10-Mar	ANTIC, MARTHA H.	79
16-Jun	ANTIC, MIODRAG PETER	79
8-Jul	AUSTIN, BARBARA L.	51
12-Jan	BADKE, BRUCE E.	50
9-Apr	BALDUF, FRANKLIN M.	82
6-Jun	BALMAT, JEANNE L.	76
15-Oct	BAMFORD, RAYMOND LOUIS	53
9-Dec	BANGS, ROBERT G.	80
25-Aug	BOLTON, ELEANOR PAINE	75
15-Feb	BOORITSKY, MARY	81
26-Dec	BOWKER, SUSAN E.	66
12-Jul	BRITT, MARGARET	84
2-Oct	BURNS, DONALD ROBERT	72
7-Sep	CAMPBELL, DORIS AILEEN	95
29-Aug	CAPPUCCI, ISABELLA	90
26-May	CHA, HYUN SUK	88
26-Oct	CHAPIN, MARGARET E.	95
26-Sep	CHEAT, PHILIP	100
5-Sep	CHELLIS, ELEANOR	84
25-Nov	CHRISTIAN, LEON G.	87
11-Jan	CHURCHILL, PHYLLIS E.	88
6-Apr	CIERVO, FRANK JOSEPH	66
17-Oct	CLARK, ANNETTE P.	94
2-Sep	COLBURN, CHARLES G.	78
12-Aug	CORBETT, HELEN MARY	70
4-Jun	COX, MARGARET F.	84
31-Aug	CULLINANE, MARGARET M.	75

23-Feb	DACEY, EDNA C.	93
8-Jul	DAITCH, BURTON	69
27-Apr	DAVIES, JOHN W.	75
11-Jul	de MONT, BARBARA A.	82
30-May	DEACON, HELEN L.	85
22-Mar	DEARNESS, ROSEANNA ELSPETH	90
1-Dec	DELROSSI GABRIEL H.	94
17-Apr	DELUCA, ARLEENE V.	71
14-Apr	DEMPSEY, JOHN JOSEPH	86
15-Oct	DICKIE, IRMA	71
19-Sep	DIONISIO, DOMINICK JOHN	83
25-Apr	DONAHUE, WILLIAM J.	68
12-Jul	DORKIN, SELMA DUP	89
26-Feb	EISAN, SYLVIA	76
21-Jul	FARR, MICHAEL J.	85
14-Jan	FEIGIN, BABY GIRL	MIN
3-Jan	FLEMING, CYNTHIA A.	39
21-Dec	FLETCHER, HORACE RODMAN	93
15-Nov	FLETCHER,, THELMA LOUISE	98
30-May	FLYNN, GERARD T	67
11-Jan	FORBES, RUTHE W.	89
19-May	GENTRY, PEARLE H.	83
17-Oct	GILMAN, GERTRUDE K.	87
4-Dec	GINN, JAMES ROYCE	66
23-Mar	GLOCKLING, KENNETH J.	65
18-Mar	GODDARD, RUTH	92
22-Jun	GOODWIN, FREDERICK HERBERT	82
30-Mar	GRAFF, HAROLD M.	85
3-Sep	HANNON, GEORGE A.	75
19-Nov	HARKONEN ALLI A.	97
8-Jan	HARRIS, ETHEL DAVIES	94
22-Feb	HARTWELL, DAVID WARREN	74
6-May	HAYES, ASSUNTA SARAH	81
30-Dec	HAYES, CATHERINE MARIE	61
24-Mar	HAYWARD, MARY	86
5-Nov	HENLEY, BEATRICE MAY	88
13-Feb	HENLEY, MARY LOUISE	68
14-Dec	HIGH, ROBERT	78
7-Jun	HOLCOMB, CARMELLA	83
21-Oct	HOLTIN, FRED E.	93
20-Sep	HUBER, SARAH M.	13
31-Aug	HULL, BARBARA LILLIAN	63
17-Dec	HUNTLEY, EMMA V.	87
18-Nov	INMAN, JOHN C.	66
1-Dec	JESUDIAN, VIJAYAKUMARI	78
3-May	JOHNSON, JAMES	83
23-Jul	JOHNSON, JUDITH ANN	54
25-Oct	KANGAS, VALLY CAROLINE	82
25-Jul	KEATING, JR., EDWARD J.	77
12-Sep	KENNEDY, CATHERINE B.	89
30-Sep	KUDA, JOHN MAETIN	80
26-May	LABLANC, SUSAN ELIZABETH	30
24-Aug	LANGER, MARGARET(MARIE) B.	92
12-Jun	LEE, JOHN HENRY	83
21-Jun	LENARDSON, ROY M.	88
2-Feb	LESSARD, MARGARET L.	88

18-May	LEWIS, STEPHEN GRAHAM	67
15-May	LIVINGSTON, EDNA L.	86
10-Jan	MACARI, ALESSANDRA	88
11-Apr	MACKEY, SALLY A.	73
12-Jul	MACNEILL, VIVIAN L.	71
27-Feb	MACONE, RALPH	87
6-Jun	MACVANE, MARILYN J.	71
12-Nov	MANOOSHIAN, WILLIAM	55
9-Jul	MCARTHY, MARGUERITE	79
5-Dec	MCCARTHY, IRMA MAY	90
31-Oct	MICHAEL, SYLVIA P.	101
31-Aug	MORSE, JANET	66
3-Dec	MOSCHINI, ETALO J.	89
17-Oct	NATHANSON, JEROME	79
3-Mar	NOWICK, STANLEY D.	81
9-Dec	O'CLAIR, GEORGE R.	69
13-Jun	PAGACIK, KAMIL	75
13-Mar	PAGACIK, LUISE	77
13-Sep	PARSON, IRVIN MILLARD	82
5-Nov	PATTERSON, ARTHUR JAMES	79
15-Sep	PENNIAMN, WILLIAM E.	70
10-Feb	POTTER, MICHAEL D.	47
29-Nov	POWERS, EDWARD THOMAS	79
22-May	POWERS, PATRICIA ANN	61
23-Jun	RAJCOK, OLGA S.	80
23-Aug	ROCKWOOD, JOHN W.	46
9-Oct	SAVAGE, WILLIAM P.	61
30-Aug	SCHAEFER, HELEN RUTH TANIS	78
12-Jun	SEIBEL, HELEN	85
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NATIONAL, STATE, AND COUNTY OFFICIALS

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

NATIONAL

President	Bill Clinton
Vice-President	Al Gore
Senators in Congress	Edward M. Kennedy
5th Congressional District	John F. Kerry
Representative in Congress	Martin T. Meehan
5th Congressional District	

STATE

Governor	Argeo Paul Cellucci
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Treasurer and Receiver General	Shannon P. O'Brien
Auditor Of The Commonwealth	Joseph DeNucci
Councillor, 3rd Councilor District	Marilyn Petitto Devaney
Senator Middlesex / Worcester District	Pamela P. Resor
Representative in General Court 14th Middlesex Representative District	Cory Atkins

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Clerk Of Superior Court	Edward J. Sullivan
Register Of Deeds Middlesex South	Eugene C. Brune
Register Of Probate	John R. Buonomo
District Attorney	Martha Coakley
County Sheriff	James V. DiPaola

POSITION

NAME

TERM EXPIRES

Moderator

Donald MacKenzie 2001

Acton Board of Selectmen

Chair	F. Dore Hunter	2002
V C	William (Trey) Shupert	2002
Clerk	Peter K. Ashton	2001
	Herman Kabakoff	2001
	Pamela Harting-Barrat	2003

Acton - Boxborough Regional School District

Mike Scanlon	2002
Michael J. Coppolino	2001
Jesse Liberty	2001
Mary Ann Ashton	2002
Jo-Ann M. Berry	2003
Marie E. Altieri	2003

Acton Public Schools Committee

Mike Scanlon	2002
Michael J. Coppolino	2001
Jesse Liberty	2001
Mary Ann Ashton	2002
Jo-Ann M. Berry	2003
Marie E. Altieri	2003

Trustees Memorial Library

Pres.	Frank Joyner	2002
V.P.	David Didriksen	2001
Sec.	David T. Barrat	2003
	Henry J. Hogan	Corporate
	Brewster Conant	Corporate
	Raymond Shamel	Corporate
	Dennis Ahern	Corporate
	Ann Chang	Corporate

Housing Authority

	Joseph M. Nagle	2003
Chair	Jean B. Schoch	2002
Sec	Claire Kostro	2003
V Ch	Diane Poulos Harpell	2001
	Denis Sullivan	2003

Trustees, Fireman's Relief Fund Acton

William Klauer	2002
Allen H Nelson	2003
Joseph A Conquest	2001

POSITION	NAME	TERM EXPIRES	POSITION	NAME	TERM EXPIRES
Trustees, Fireman's Relief Fund West Acton			Acton Community Housing Corp.		
	Edward Bennet	2003	Chair	Nancy Tavernier	2002
	Frederick A. Harris	2001		Peter Berry	2001
	Malcolm S. MacGregor	2002		Kevin McManus	2000
				Dan Buddy	2002
				Jana Mullin	2001
Trustees, Charlotte Goodnow Fund			Assoc.	Pam Shuttle	2000
Chair	Mabel Grekula	2003	Board of Appeals		
	Frances S. Moretti	2001		Nicholas Miller	2000
	Shirley Towle	2002		Thomas M. Lemire	2000
Trustees, Elizabeth White Fund				Cara Voutselas	2002
	Cornelia O. Huber	2001	(Alt)	David Black	2000
	Frank Joyner	2003	Board of Assessors		
	John J. Powers	2002		Donald Rhude	2002
Trustees, West Acton Citizen Library			Chair	David. E. Brown	2000
	Robert Loomis	2002		Lester Goodridge	2002
	Virginia Rhude	2001	(Alt)	James Kotanchik	2002
	Peter J. Gilmette	2003	Cable Advisory Committee		
TOWN OF ACTON APPOINTED OFFICIALS			Chair	John Covert	2002
APPOINTED BY MODERATOR				Laura C. Hirsch	2002
Finance Committee				Peter Robinson	2000
Chair	John Prendiville	2003		Scott Wieder	2002
	Sidney Johnston	2003		William Schaller	2002
	Thomas Mackey	2002	(Alt)	Terra Friedrichs	2000
	Rheta Roeber	2002	Cemetery Commission		
	Bela Matyas	2001	Clerk	Donald MacLennan	2001
	Robert Evans	2003	Chair	Brewster Conant	2002
	Jack F. Reetz	2001		George O'Clair (d. 12-9-00)	2003
Minuteman Science-Technology H.S.			Council on Aging		
	Charles H. Olmstead	2002		Angeline Conn	2000
APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN				Alice Moroney	2000
Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council				Charles Jenkins	2000
	Susan Richmond	2002		Royce Christensen	2000
	Catherine Coleman	2002		Eleanor F. Voorhies	2000
	Jo Goldman	2002		Nancy Gerhardt	2000
	Noreen Rowe	2000		Marvin Pope	2000
	Jennifer Sullivan	2000		Joseph Grandine	2000
	Jean Butler	2001		Jean Worfolk	2000
	Martha Day	2002	Assoc	Mary Cash	2000
Assoc.	Susan Salem	2002	Assoc	Gay Rose	2000
Assoc.	M. Carole Drago	2001	Conservation Commission		
Assoc.	Frann Addison	2002		Barbara Smith	2000
			Chair	Barbara Epstein	2002
				Mathew Liebman	2002
				Terry Maitland	2000
				Andrew Magee	2002

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Brian McMullin

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George Lussier

Elizabeth A. Franklin

Christine Weinberger

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2001

2003

2003

2001

2003

2003

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James Kessler

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Daniel Morse

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Richard Sullivan

Geoffrey Neagle

James Ray

Brian Richter

Tom Wallerstein

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Robert Smith Jr.

Shawn Ferrari

Kenneth Carrol

John White

Scott Morse

Robert Hart

Ricky Robinson

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Bruce Stone

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Christophe Sammet

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Richard Tyler

Eric Mathiew

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Luke Penney	Leo Gower
Dean Keeler	Gardena Abramowitz
Keith Campbell	Daniel Silva
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Debra Richardson
Christine Joyce

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Kevin Antonelli
Anne Milligan
Paul Connors
John Egan #
Robert Merrill

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Robert Greenough

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Nancy McShea

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, SEALER**1 year appointment**

Mark Fitzpatrick

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Steven Barrett

TOWN ENGINEER

David Abbt

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Mildred Jarvis
Christine Joyce

VETERAN'S AGENT

Charles Jones

*Retirements **

Resignations #



STREET LIST
OF THE TOWN OF
ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF ACTON ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
JANUARY 1, 2000

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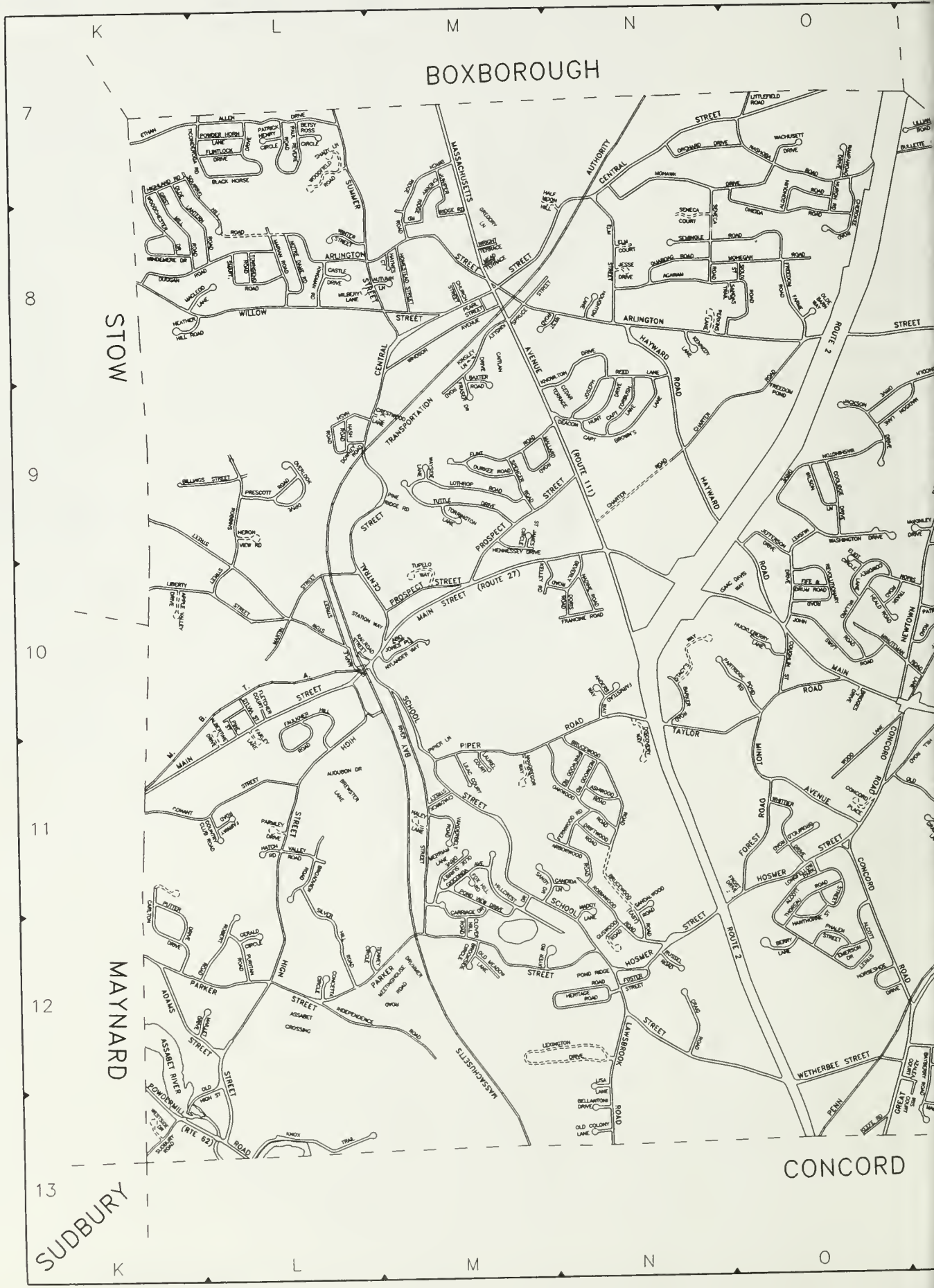
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RAILROAD STREET	4	M-10	SUTTON PLACE	2	Q-9
REDWOOD ROAD	5	N-11	SWEETBRIAR WAY	1	Q-11
REEVE STREET	1	S-10	SYLVIA STREET	4	L-10
REVOLUTIONARY ROAD	2	O-10			
REX LANE	1	S-11	TAYLOR ROAD	2	O-10
RIVER STREET	5	M-11	3-30		
ROBBINS STREET	4	L-9	42-98 EVEN		
ROBERT ROAD	5	L-12	TAYLOR ROAD	4	O-10
ROBINWOOD ROAD	5	N-11	35-95		
ROSE COURT	1	P-13	TENNEY CIRCLE	5	M-12
ROUTE 2		O-8, O-12	THOREAU ROAD	5	D-11
RUSSELL ROAD	5	N-12	TICONDEROGA ROAD	3	L-7
			TILL DRIVE	1	S-11
SACHEM WAY	1	R-10	TORRINGTON LANE	4	M-9
SAINT JAMES CIRCLE	4	M-9	TOWN HOUSE LANE	4	N-10
SAMANTHA WAY	1	R-10	TOWNSEND ROAD	3	L-8
SAMUEL PARLIN DRIVE	2	P-9	TRASK ROAD	2	O-10
SANDALWOOD ROAD	5	N-11	TRIANGLE FARM LANE	1	S-13
SANDAS TRAIL	3	O-8	TUMBLING HAWK	1	S-9
SANDY DRIVE	5	N-11	TUPELO WAY	4	M-10
SARAH INDIAN WAY	2	Q-8	TUTTLE DRIVE	4	M-9
SAWMILL ROAD	1	S-11			

<u>STREET NAME</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>INDEX</u>
VALLEY ROAD	5	L-11
VANDEBELT ROAD	5	M-11
WACHUSETT DRIVE	3	O-7
WALNUT STREET	2	R-10
WAMPANOAG DRIVE	3	O-7
WAMPUS AVENUE	1	R-10
WASHINGTON DRIVE	2	O-9
WATERSIDE CLEARING	1	S-9
WAYSIDE LANE	4	M-9
WEST ROAD	4	N-8
WESTFORD LANE	1	S-9
WESTSIDE DRIVE	5	K-13
WETHERBEE STREET	5	O-12
WHEELER LANE	1	S-11
WHEELWRIGHT LANE	1	R-11
WHITTIER DRIVE	2	O-11
WILLIS HOLDEN DRIVE	2	P-9
WILLOW STREET	3	L-8
WILSON LANE	2	O-9
WINDEMERE DRIVE	3	K-8
WINDINGWOOD LANE	1	R-11
WINDSOR AVENUE	4	M-8
WINGATE LANE	1	P-12
WINTER STREET	3	L-8
WINTERBERRY PATH	1	R-11
WOOD LANE	2	O-11
WOODBURY LANE	2	P-10
WOODCHESTER DRIVE	3	K-8
WOODFIELD ROAD	3	L-7
WRIGHT TERRACE	3	M-8
WYNDCLIFF DRIVE	1	R-11





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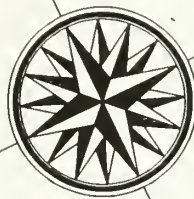
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LEGEND

PRIVATE WAYS

PRIVATE, UNACCEPTED ROADS
APPROVED UNDER THE
SUBDIVISION CONTROL LAW

PUBLIC WAYS

STATISTICS

TOWN OWNED ROADS	102.3 MI.
STATE OWNED ROADS	10.3 MI.
TOWN OWNED SIDEWALK	31.9 MI.
AREA OF TOWN	20.3 S.M.

LITTLETON

NAGOG

POND

WESTFORD

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STREET MAP

OF THE TOWN OF
ACTON, MASSACHUSETTSTOWN OF ACTON ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
SCALE 1" = 2400' JANUARY 1, 1997

STREETS AMENDED TO JANUARY 1, 2000

GRAPHIC SCALE



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TOWN OF ACTON VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Residents interested in serving on a Town Board, Committee, or Commission are requested to complete this form and forward it to the office of the Town Manager at the Acton Town Hall.

(Please print or type)

Date: _____

Mr/Mrs.

Ms/Dr. Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Street Address _____ Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____

Please refer to the other side of this sheet and indicate below, in order of preference, the Board, Committee, or Commission, which is of interest to you:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Have you been a member of a Board, Committee, or Commission previously (either in Acton or elsewhere)? If you have, please list name(s) and dates (approx):

Do you have any time restrictions? _____

How long have you lived in Acton? _____ in Massachusetts? _____

Are you a US citizen? _____

Present occupation and employer (optional-attach resume) _____

do you or your employer have any current or potential business relationship with the Town of Acton that could create a conflict of interest? _____

Education or special training _____

Please list below any additional information or comments which may help in the matching of your interests with the most appropriate Board/Committee, such as civic experience, special interest/hobbies, etc:

TOWN OF ACTON VOLUNTEER BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Acton-Boxborough Arts Council
Aging, Council on
Appeals, Board of
Assessors, Board of
Cable Advisory Committee
Cemetery Commission
Commission on Disability
Conservation Commission
Fair Housing Committee
Finance Committee
Volunteer Coordinating Committee

Historic District Commission
Historical Commission
Metropolitan Advisory Planning Council
Minuteman Home Care
Minuteman Vocational School Representative
Planning Board
Prison Advisory Board
Public Ceremonies Committee
South Acton Revitalization Committee
Town Report Committee
Health, Board of

Thank you, If you have questions or would like more information, please contact a member of the Volunteer Coordinating Committee (you can find out who the current members are by calling the Town Manager's office at Town Hall, 264-9612). The space below is for use by the Volunteer Coordinatin Committee and the appointing body to record the status of your application.

VCC INTERVIEW

Applicant called: date/by _____

Schedule date/time _____

VCC Recommendation: Date _____

Board(s) _____ Member/Alt/Assoc

_____ Member/Alt/Assoc

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_____ Member/Alt/Assoc

BOS/TMgr/TMod _____

[] No openings at this time _____

APPOINTING BODY: BOS/Mgr/TMod

Interview Date: _____

Appointed: Date _____

to: Board _____

Term _____

NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT

Date Received by VCC _____

Notification by the VCC _____

Date committee notified _____

date applicant notified _____

For questions concerning:	Call:	Telephone
Street Lights	Municipal Properties	264-9629
Street Trees	Municipal Properties	264-9629
Tax Collections	Treasurer and Collector	264-9617
Town Finances	Treasurer	264-9617
Town Manager	Town Hall	264-9612
Train Service	Boston and Maine	800-392-6100
Transfer Station/Recycle Center	Highway Department	264-9624
Veterans' Services	Veterans' Agent	264-9617
Water Problems	Water District	264-9107
Welfare	Welfare Department	978-893-0146
Wire Inspection	Wire Inspector	264-9632
Zoning	Zoning Enforcement Officer	264-9636
Zoning Appeals	Board of Appeals	264-9632
Schools	Switichboard Calls (7 a.m. - 4 p.m.)	264-4700
	Acton-Boxborough Regional High School	264-4700
	Acton-Boxborough Regional Junior High School	264-4700
	Community Education Office	266-2525
	Conant School	266-2550
	Douglas School	266-2560
	Gates School	266-2570
School Nurse	McCarthy-Towne School	264-4700
	Merriam School	264-4700
Night Calls	Central Office (all schools)	264-4700
	Community Education at High School	264-4700 x 403
	Community Education at Junior High School	264-4700 x 304
Special Calls	Athletic Office	264-4700 x 420
	Field Office	264-4700 x 423
	Extended Day Programs	264-4700 x 245
	Acton-Boxborough Regional High School	264-4700 x 409
Custodian	Acton-Boxborough Junior High School	264-4700 x 309

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Acton Finance Committee	As Posted	Town Hall or A-B High School
Acton Historical Commission	2nd Wednesday 8 PM	Town Hall
Acton Housing Authority	1st & 3rd Monday 7:30- PM	68 Windsor Ave., West Acton
Acton Memorial Library Trustees	3rd Monday 7:30 PM	Conference Room
Board of Appeals	As Posted	Town Hall
Board of Assessors	1st Wednesday 6 PM	Town Hall
Board of Health	2nd & 4th Monday 7:30 PM	Town Hall
Board of Selectmen	Every other Tuesday As Posted 7:30 PM	Town Hall
Cable Advisory	As Posted	
Cemetery Commission	2nd Wednesday 2 PM	Woodlawn Cem.
Citizens' Library	3rd Thursday 7:30 PM	Citizens' Library, West Acton
Commission on Disability	2nd Wednesday 7 PM	Town Hall
Community Housing	1st & 3rd Thursday 7 AM	Town Hall
Conservation Commission	1st & 3rd Wednesday 7:30 PM	Town Hall
Council on Aging	2nd Wednesday (except August) 7:30 PM	Senior Center, Audubon Drive
Historic District Commission	1st & 3rd Monday 7:30 PM	Town Hall
Planning Board	2nd & 4th Monday 7:30 PM	Town Hall
Recreation Commission	As Posted	Town Hall
School Committee - Local	As Posted	Junior High, Conf. Room 114
School Committee - Regional	As Posted	Junior High, Conf. Room 114
Transportation	2nd Tues. 7:30 PM	Town Hall
Volunteer Coordinating Committee	2nd & 4th Monday 7:30 PM	Town Hall
Water Commissioners	2nd & 4th Monday 7:30 PM	Whitcomb Station, 693 Mass. Ave.

AT YOUR SERVICE

EMERGENCIES

Call 911 to save a life, report a fire, or stop a crime. Give your name, address and phone number. For other calls, use the business number of the appropriate department.

For questions concerning:

Animal Inspection
Assessments
Bills and Accounts
Births, Deaths, and Marriages
Building
Cemeteries Cemetery Department
Civil Defense
Conservation
Dog Problems (see Licenses)
Education Information
Elderly Affairs

Elecitons, Voting and Registration
Engineering
Fire (Business and Permits)
Garbage and Refuse
Hazardous Materials
Health and Sanitation
Highways and Streets
Home Nursing
Housing
Libraries

Mental Health

Licenses

Dog, Fishing, Hunting

Permits

Blasting
Building
Food Service
Heating
Historic Districts Certificate
Oil Burner
Outdoor Burning
Plumbing
Sewage
Smoke Detector
Wiring
Zoning

Planning
Police Business
Recreation
Selectmen

Call:

Animal Inspector
Board of Assessors
Town Accountant
Town Clerk
Building Commissioner
Cemetery Office
Director of Civil Defense
Conservation Office
Dog Officer
School Superintendent's Office
Council on Aging
Minuteman Home Care
Public Health Nursing Service
Town Clerk
Town Engineer
Fire Department
Board of Health
Board of Health
Board of Health
Highway Department
Public Health Nursing Service
Housing Authority
Acton Memorial Library
Citizen's Library of West Acton
T.D.D. (for the deaf)
Mental Health Assoc. of Central Middlesex

Town Clerk

Fire Department
Building Inspector
Board of Health
Fire Department
Building Department
Fire Department
Fire Department
Building Department
Board of Health
Fire Department
Building Department
Zoning Enforcement Officer

Planning Department (Fair Housing)
Police Department
Town Hall
Town Hall

Telephone

263-4979
264-9622
264-9621
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